

RED CROSS WORKERS WILL MEET THIS EVENING

The Red Cross campaign workers are asked to report at Memorial hall this evening, and being in all the names of new members which they may have secured up to that time. The committee desires to have all the names in by 8 o'clock at the latest, and workers are advised to be on hand by 7:30. There will be nothing of a formal nature about the meeting; it is desired merely to have as complete a report as possible of the progress which the campaigners have made to date.

DANIELS PROUD OF WAY NAVY HAS MET TEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Before the house naval sub-committee today Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy had been doing, avoiding, as he explained, disclosing any facts that would be of value to the enemy. He told how the navy was now building \$24 capital and other important ships.

Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as a necessity and there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a weapon for permanent effectiveness.

Naval aviation, he said, has made qualifying strides, but has been hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities.

He praised the co-ordination between the personnel of the navy and the personnel of the allies.

One great problem, he said, was to

WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY FRENCH CRUISER SUNK; 10 LOST

Leo LeBlanc, of 315 Salem street, left Lowell this morning for the devastated city of Halifax, where he is to become a member of the Manchester regiment of the British forces. LeBlanc enlisted at the local war work headquarters. He will spend three or four weeks in Halifax and then will be sent "over there" with his regiment.

Sergeant J. Healey, one of the members of the British and Canadian recruiting mission now in Lowell, told an interesting anecdote of the Halifax catastrophe this morning. Maj. G. Walkely

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VOICE QUESTIONNAIRES

Division 4 exemption board today sent out questionnaires to the registrants in that division whose order numbers were between 201 and 400 inclusive. The other boards sent out their regular five per cent. of the questionnaires today also.

Youth's Path to Success

A little book entitled "Youth's Path to Success," by E. J. Gallagher, is just out and is on sale at Prince's and Pollard's. Price, 50 cents. It is a condensation of the principles of success, of physical and ethical culture couched in simple verse. It should be judged by the contents, not by the cover.

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FIX THE PRICE OF COAL IN TYNGSBORO

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.—Maximum coal prices for Tyngsboro were established here today by the state fuel administrator. They do not take into consideration the increase of 35 cents a ton of coal at the mines and are subject to necessary change later. They are as follows: Anthracite "delivered" egg, \$9.40 a ton; stove and chestnut, \$9.50.

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Impossible to Make Ordnance Dept. Realize Possibility of War Last February

Louis E. Stoddard Testifies at Army Inquiry — Delay in Producing Rifles Explained — New American Rifle Superior to British Enfield

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It was impossible last February to make the ordnance department realize the possibility of war, according to the testimony of Louis E. Stoddard, vice president of the Marlin corporation, before the senate military committee today.

In February, he said, on verbal orders from Rear Admiral Barley, work on 5000 machine guns was begun. He went to Col. Rice at the army ordnance bureau, he said, and offered to begin work on guns for the army in anticipation of war.

"We're not interested," was Colonel Rice's reply, Mr. Stoddard said, adding:

"It was utterly impossible to make the ordnance department realize the possibility of war, and we simply folded out tents and went home."

Before the war began, Stoddard said, he offered to sell machine guns to the department for \$500 each, but it was rejected. Since, under orders placed, the contract cost was twice that sum.

Delivery of the new light Browning guns for airplanes under an order given by the war department three weeks ago is expected to begin this month, Stoddard said.

"The new Browning gun," he said, "absolutely the best ever invented."

If the war department, when asked for orders last February, had given them, Stoddard added, by today 40,000 Colt machine guns could have been delivered.

"The ordnance bureau simply wouldn't listen, wouldn't give any orders," he said.

Delay in producing the modified Enfield rifles because of the war department's negotiations was explained by Vice President Ottersen of the Winchester Co. Negotiations began last

Austro-Germans Strike at Two New Points on the Italian Line

On the Italian front the Austro-Germans persist in strong efforts to find a weak point in the Italian defense and through it to rush onto the Venetian plains. Checked east of the Brenta last week, the invaders, despite the heavy losses inflicted upon them by the Italians, have struck at two new points on the line between Asiago and the Piave.

Berlin Claims Success

Monte Solarolo, between the Brenna and the Piave, has become the center of fighting in this sector. Berlin claims the capture of some Italian positions there and the repulse of Italian counter-attacks. Vicious attacks in this region, Rome says, were repulsed by the defenders. West of the Brenna the Austro-Germans have attacked in the mountain region and Berlin says more than 1000 prisoners were taken.

No Change on French Front

There has been no change on the front in France. Infantry fighting has not increased and the artillery continues to be active in certain sectors.

Haig Makes Changes in Staff

Field Marshal Haig, the London Times says, is making important changes in his headquarters staff. The British commander-in-chief in France has made virtually no changes since he took over the command from Viscount French.

Air Raid on London

London and English coast towns again have been visited by German raiders. Numerous bombs were dropped on London and in Essex and Kent by enemy airplanes which crossed the coast early Tuesday evening. British airplanes met the enemy in the air and the anti-aircraft defenses subjected him to heavy fire. The casualties and damage caused have not been announced.

The Russian Situation

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister to demand of the central powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and "on the principle of self-determination of nations."

Trotsky is reported to have invited allied participation on the threat that treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged. Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still are lacking.

French Cruiser Sunk

The old French cruiser Chateau-Renaud was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of Dec. 14 and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to announcement made tonight by the French minister of marine. The passengers on the Chateau-Renaud all of whom were either soldiers or officers, were saved. Ten members of the crew were lost.

The French cruiser Chateau-Renaud was laid down in 1896. She was 442 feet long with a beam of 55.7 feet and displaced 739 tons. Her complement before the war was 600 men. Besides being used as a cruiser formerly the Chateau-Renaud had been fitted as a mine layer.

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SOLDIERS' APPRECIATE GIRLS' WORK

Three little girls in the Colburn grammar school have received letters of appreciation from three soldier boys who are now doing their bit for Uncle Sam.

The young ladies recently knit some wireless socks, etc. for the local hospital. The boys to be sent eventually to some one of Uncle Sam's fighters. Each young lady attached her name to the particular garment which she made and as a result letters of appreciation have been received from the men in uniform who received the gifts.

Miss Maritza, 'chickie' of the 6th grade has received the following letter from Private Harry G. Anger of Co. C, 25th Engineers, Camp Devens:

Dec. 19, 1917.

Dear Little Friends:—This week I received a muffer from Uncle Sam and on the inside, in the upper right hand corner, I noticed the name of a little girl who is living in Lowell, Mass.

I enlisted in Seattle, Wash., the 5th of last month and I was sent direct to Camp Devens to the 25th Engineers. I was very fully equipped and especially since I received that dandy muffer and when our company of engineers are building and doing over the coast work in No-Man's land.

I don't think much of your eastern climate and I do miss dear old Seattle and Los Angeles a great deal. In Seattle I was working for an electrical engineering company and I traveled all over the coast.

Well, my little friend, if you have a chance, please drop me a line occasionally because soldiers always like to receive news from home.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Harry G. Anger.

The other young ladies who received a word of appreciation from soldier

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CAMP DEVENS ONE OF HEALTHIEST CAMPS

ATYER, Dec. 19.—Division officers at Camp Devens declared today that charges by Surgeon General Gorgas regarding unsanitary conditions in training camps were not directed at Camp Devens. The death rate here, they said, was the lowest of any camp in the country and far below the usual army rate. Every man in camp has winter clothing with the exception of a few new recruits who will be supplied as soon as they have passed physical examinations.

Medical experts have said Camp Devens was one of the healthiest camps and officers asserted that the base hospital was second to none in the country and its equipment better and more modern than in many city hospitals. There have been no deaths here from measles and less than half a dozen from pneumonia, they declared.

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REGRETS LAW PREVENTS SHOOTING I.W.W. MAN

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 19.—Joseph Selzer, an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was fined \$1000 and given a year in jail by Judge Nibb P. Smith in the county court today.

"It pleases me to impose this sentence upon you," said Judge Smith to the prisoner. "I regret that the law did not permit me to order you stood up against a wall and shot."

CATHOLIC PASTORS DEFEND CITY'S GOOD NAME

The following letter from the local Catholic pastors bears testimony to the excellent moral conditions prevailing in Lowell and defends the reputation of our city and our soldiers against the sensational reports that represent Lowell as a centre of immorality. The letter:

We, the Catholic pastors of Lowell, having under our spiritual guidance more than half the total population feel it a solemn duty to protest emphatically against the malicious slanders scattered broadcast against the good name of our city.

By reason of our position, and with a thorough knowledge of conditions, we refuse to stand by and allow our city to be calumniated as a centre of immorality. From close observation, in all parts of the city, we are proud not only to testify as to the excellent moral spirit of our visiting soldiers, and to the earnest endeavor of all our citizens to co-operate in making the said soldiers worthy representatives and sturdy defenders of our country, but also to affirm that the moral condition of our city always excellent, was never better than at the present time.

We, therefore, deeply regret that

10 KILLED, 70 INJURED IN AIR RAID ON LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication in regard to casualties was given out: "Last night's air raid casualties were: Ten killed and 70 injured in London; only five injured outside London. "Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

German Plane Brought Down

LONDON, Dec. 19.—One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed over the war office grounds. From 18 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

There is reason to believe another raider dropped into the English channel, says the report.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider, was dropping bombs on London from a height of 12,000 feet.

After the main attacks of the raiders ceased a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock.

All the British machines which went up to engage the raiders have returned safely.

Complete reports of the damage and casualties have not been received, it is understood. As soon as possible, if the raider known definitely to have been destroyed was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three were captured by an armed trawler.

British Air Raid

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The successful bombing by British naval aircraft of the Engels airbase, behind the German lines in Flanders, is announced in today's admiralty statement. The text reads:

"Naval aircraft dropped bombs which burst close to the Engels airbase, and destroyed the main runway and the anti-aircraft gun and railway sidings at Engels airbase on Tuesday. One enemy aircraft was brought down ablaze and one out of control. All of our machines returned safely."

CHRISTMAS MAIL PROBLEM

Postmaster John F. Meenan this noon sent out an appeal to the people of Lowell and the surrounding towns who are expecting to mail Christmas gifts to places beyond Lowell to get them in the mail this evening, if possible. If not, the first thing tomorrow morning. The local office is very desirous of handling the mail as expeditiously as possible, and the sooner

MUMPS and BUMPS

are catching; it's the same way with Lowell Thrift Club enlistments. We had the proprietor of one of Lowell's best barber shops' call on Tuesday. He asked for and received a bunch of signature cards. He said his customers asked so many questions concerning Thrift Club that "it was easier to show them."

This master barber is able to demonstrate for he was a member of the 1917 Thrift Club.

A true statement. Attest: C. L. Knapp, Treas.

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RED CROSS SAVES LIVES OF STARVING BABIES



French refugee children being outfit with warm clothing by American Red Cross women behind the French lines in France. The baby in the picture below is getting its first bath in the same refugee station. That's what Red Cross is doing for the tiny victims of Hun ruthlessness.

gether in a Red Cross institution and for the first time since the beginning of the war they are receiving proper food, housing, clothing, medical attention and schooling.

Dr. J. P. Sedgwick of Minneapolis, famous specialist in children's diseases, was sent into the war zone by the Red Cross to see what should be done.

He gathered around him a staff of specialists, among whom are Dr. J. H. Durand of Seattle, Wash., Dr. N. O. Pearce of Minneapolis, Dr. Alice Brown of Winnetka, Ill., Madame Delebecque of Chicago and Miss Bessie Spanner of Cleveland.

"We literally pulled these poor children out of the dark, damp, unclean caves and cellars constantly under bombardment by German guns and airplanes," said Dr. Sedgwick.

"It is well worth all the money and effort we are putting into the enterprise to see the little things blossom and improve under proper care."

There's tiny Julia, for example. The day Julia was born, 18 months ago, her father was fighting in the first line trenches not 20 miles from his home village.

A French army doctor ushered Julia into the world in a bombproof dugout constructed in the yard behind the shattered walls of the family home.

That same night the mother learned that her husband was dead.

For nearly 15 months the mother and baby eked out a miserable existence in their cave-home, ill-nourished, with hardly enough clothing to cover them, terrified night and day by the German shells.

Then one day the Americans came along and persuaded the mother that Julia would be better off in the children's refuge station behind the lines. Today, little Julia, is getting fat and rosy. She no longer cries from fright at sudden noises.

"I gave Julia her first bath here," said Miss Bessie Spanner of Cleveland. "It was the first she had had in months."

School instruction begins for the tots as soon as they are two years old.

The other day a mother from a shell-swept village brought her two-year-old baby to the station. "I can't keep her at home with me any longer," she said. "I have to run to the cave so often that I'm exhausted from carrying her."

Another mother, always comes at night. "The German sharpshooters try to put me every time I stick my head out of doors. I have to dig my potatoes at night and wear a gas mask while I work."

It is the children of such mothers who comprise the population of the refugee station. In caring for them the Red Cross is doing a noble work which should be encouraged by all American women at home. Instead of one such station there is need for scores.

C. C. LYON.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A real patriotic note is contained in the "musical Muse" which Tom Brown's Highlanders bring forward as the headline feature of the Keith Theatre, this week. The national anthems of all the allied nations are played by the killed lads and lassies, and as each one's notes sound forth the flag of the nation appears. The act is one of much snap and, naturally, it holds the real Scottish flavor to it. Eddie Dowling, the international comedian, is a prime favorite on the bill. Dowling is genuinely funny in a new way. "Crabberies," an unusual comedy that holds much of sparkle to it, will give pleasure to many, and Angell, Aldwell & Fuller mix comedy and patriotism successfully. Other acts on the bill are: Trennell Trio, in circus stunts and the Whites, a dancing duo. The Harriet-Pathe pictures give the first views from Halifax. The picture feature of the week is "The Cinderella Man," with Mae Marsh in the principal role. It is a hit.

OPERA HOUSE

"Playthings," Sidney Toler's greatest success of recent years, which is being so cleverly interpreted by the New Emerson players at the Opera House this week, stands out as one of the best efforts of any local stock company in many seasons. The play itself is unusually interesting and its treatment by the players could hardly be improved. The cast includes several interesting characters that are taken from real life, and when intermingled so pleasantly in the recital of events that progress through three acts, cannot help but please immensely. Crowded houses at every performance testify to the general satisfaction which the play is giving.

There is a touch of good humor in the lines and action, to which Arthur De Lord, the clever juvenile man, contributes a rich share. As the young man who is forever figuring out inventions for the benefit of mankind, Mr. De Lord is forever amusing. Miss Gladys McLeod never looked more girlish or charming than she does this week, while Miss Tollet and Miss Hall are also excellently cast. Douglas Dunbar and Jerome Kennedy are good, and Claude Kimball and Robert

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Others at \$1.75 to \$5.95
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Others at \$2.25 to \$6.75
Puff Boxes and Hair Refusers to match, 50c value 40c Each
Others at 50c to \$1.05
White Ivory Military Brushes, at \$2.50 to \$5.95 a Set
Solid Ivory Back Military Brushes, \$3.50 value, at \$2.95 Set
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To relieve the distressed; to feed the starving; to minister unto the sick; to clothe and care for refugees; to lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of those engaged in this great world war for humanity, Christianity, freedom and peace—that's the aim and the accomplishment of the Great Red Cross.

Send a Christmas Dollar on an Errand of Mercy

Such work meets the approval of every normal, civilized human being. Show your approval and do your bit by joining the Red Cross—NOW. Simple membership is only One Dollar. Through no other channel will so small an amount relieve so much suffering. Not all can go, but all can—and should—join the Red Cross.

H. Laurence give excellent characterizations. Do not hesitate in making your reservation for seats for the coming performance by telephone, and once and have them held out for you. Better still place your name on the subscription list. It costs no more.

THE STRAND

Thousands of local picture lovers who have visited The Strand to see Miss June Elvidge in her latest release, "The Tenth Muse," have been truly delighted with the offering. It is a picture of the popularity of the charming young actress who is portraying the leading role, and partly because of the unusually good story attached to the presentation. It is interesting to contrast Miss Elvidge as she was seen during her recent visit to Lowell in person, and as she appears on the screen. The other feature is William Farnum in "The Heart of a Lion."

For the week-end, beginning with matinee on Thursday, Emily Whelan, assisted by Herbert Hayes, who is well known locally, will appear in "The Outsider," one of the most attractive vehicles of this pair has appeared in. The piece deals in beauty and thrills. Seldom have such magnificent scenes been photographed in connection with a screen drama. "Branded Soul," with Gladys Rockwell in the leading part is a legend of St. Cecilia modernized in old Mexico. Besides these there will be a new Mack-Sentinel Keystone comedy, a new Truitt comedy and a Strand Revue. The musical features are always good.

NATIONAL PRIZES AWARDED CHILDREN FOR THEIR WORK IN FOOD SAVING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In co-operation with the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the Hampshire County Improvement League, the National Emergency Food Garden Commission today awarded thirteen cash prizes of \$5 each and thirteen national certificates of merit to girls and boys in Massachusetts who made the best records in food saving.

The commission made the awards following contests supervised by Robert L. Trask, county club leader, whose headquarters are at 214 Main street, Springfield. A check of \$5 and the

certificate of merit were sent to each of the following: Marion Barnard, West Springfield; Florence Stanton, Springfield; William Spooner, Brimfield; Leonie Knorr, Hampden; Julia Hammett, East Long Meadow; Louise Hawley, Agawam; Deleena Quimble, Ludlow; Ruth Broderick, Westfield; Laura Fuller, Tolland; Lella Nash, Chicopee; Esther Shaw, Palmer; Laura Wetherell, Brimfield.

"The Boy State has a chance to do even greater things," said Charles Lathrop Pack, the president of the commission. "You must remember there are 30 million idle acres in New England and every one of them available to agriculture must be put to work."

According to the report of Mr. Trask to P. S. Risdale, the secretary of the commission, this work of the Home Achievement clubs is the best ever done in the state and even greater plans are now being made for greater results next year.

MAYOR O'DONNELL WANTS HAYO-ELECT THOMPSON ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson has been elected by Mayor James E. O'Donnell to become a member of the executive committee of the Lowell public safety committee. The letter by the mayor to the mayor-elect follows:

Hon. Perry D. Thompson, mayor-elect, Lowell, Mass.
My Dear Mr. Thompson: As chairman of the executive committee of the Lowell public safety committee, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to become a member of the executive committee as that body will need your services during the ensuing year. I am deeply grateful to you for the valuable work performed by you as a member of the general committee and hope that you will find it convenient to accept the duties as a member of the executive board.

At the outbreak of the war in the spring of 1917, appreciative of the unusual situation created by the war, we organized our soldiers and their dependents and living conditions at home. I decided that the best interests of the community as a whole would be better served by the appointment of a committee of capable citizens now identified with the city government

with full power to deal with the situation in all of its various phases. I created a committee, accordingly, of which you were a member and am proud to state that its work has been most complete and beneficial.

It will be necessary for this committee to continue its activities for the duration of the war in order to carry on with success the great work already started. I feel that, not only by virtue of the office which you are anxious to assume but from the personal enthusiasm shown by you in the work as a member of the general committee, your place henceforth should be on the executive committee, and therefore respectfully invite you to accept a place thereon.

Hoping that you may consider this favorably and with repeated best wishes for a happy and prosperous administration, I have the honor to be, Respectfully yours,

James E. O'Donnell, Mayor of Lowell.

"MAN WHO CALLS FOR MEAT ON FISH DAYS ISN'T WITH US," SAYS ENDICOTT

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—According to Food Administrator Henry H. Endicott, any man "who calls for meat on Tuesday or Friday isn't with us." Furthermore, Mr. Endicott is anxious for all such to know just what he thinks of them. Recently a member of a well known club complained to Mr. Endicott that there were certain cases where individuals refused to abide by the request of the food administration, and insisted upon having meat served to them on the fish days, so called.

"If any member of your club," writes Mr. Endicott, "asks for meat of any kind on Tuesday or Friday will you please explain to them that it is by my request that none is to be served. After explaining to them if they still insist upon having it, say to them from me that any man who insists upon meat

these days takes the position of not being willing to help our allies and our boys who are fighting for us in France. There can be no half-way position for a man to take in this war. He is either for us or against us. If he is for us, he wants to help. If he is not willing to help us in this time of our need, he is a traitor to his country. "You may show this letter, if you desire, to any man who refuses to comply with my request and if, after he has read it, he still insists upon meat, please furnish me with his name."

SOTHERN AND AMES GOING TO FRANCE TO STUDY ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—E. H. Sothern, actor, and Winthrop Ames, playwright and producer, will soon go abroad to make a survey of the entertainment needs of the American troops in France for the national war work council of the Young Men's Christian association. It was announced here last night.

Mr. Sothern, who is touring the National army cantonments in this country, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. for a month, beginning Jan. 24 at Camp Devens. He will visit all the leading camps excepting those on the Great Lakes. Miss Louise Homer, daughter of Mme. Homer, Metropolitan contralto, and Sidney Homer, composer, will sail early in January to sing in the Y.M.C.A. choral in France. Francis Conter Osborn of Columbus, O., actor and dramatic coach, will sail within the next two weeks to organize "local talent among the troops in France."

The Y.M.C.A. has been placed in complete charge of the entertainment features of the American troops in France. Mr. Sothern and Mr. Ames will decide the type of entertainment that appeals most to the men and the various kinds of entertainments and plays which can be produced to advantage.



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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Private James B. Clancy, formerly employed at the Boston & Maine car shops in Millis, but now with Co. B of the 14th engineer regiment somewhere in France, has sent a letter from the front to a friend in this city. Private Clancy comes from Concord, N. H. The letter which he refers to in the letter was a silk handkerchief with embroidered edges upon which was pictured a blazing church. Here's the letter:

Somewhere in France.
November 20, 1917.
Miss—Just a few lines to let you know that I received your card and was very glad to hear from you. I hope that everybody in Lowell is well. This is a great country but I would prefer the old U.S.A. any time. It is good enough for anyone. All that one

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can see around here are ruins everywhere and where our present camp is located was once a good-sized village, but you would not know it to look at it now.

I have visited one of the larger cities about 25 miles from here. It was not destroyed although the enemy army passed through there at one time. There are some nice churches in Lowell but I think that they are not quite as nice as those over here in France which were probably built hundreds of years ago. Both on the inside and outside sand statues are piled up high around the statues and carving to protect them from air raids.

I suppose the boys got a great send-off when they left Lowell and I hope they did. We had a pretty lonesome trip on the way over; there was nothing to see but water and not one drop of that was fit to drink. We landed in— and started from there for our camp in the south of England. We had been riding in the trains for about nine hours and it was midnight when we started our hike. We stayed at that camp about four days and then the five regiments went to London for a review.

It was some sight. I have seen large crowds in Lowell on different holidays but none could compare with the crowd in London on Wednesday, August 15th. The boys sure got a great reception from the people along the streets. We passed the king and queen in front of Buckingham palace and went into Green park where lunch was served to the five regiments. We were also reviewed by the American ambassador and by Admiral Sims, and at last "Vande Dooder" could say that he "went to London" and he wasn't riding on "a hayrack." It was too bad that the countries were so far

apart that the people in the United States could not see the welcome that those five regiments received.

I suppose Old Fritz might have got us on the way over but we didn't see one of his U-boats on the way across. We went back to camp and stayed there for a few days until we started again for the south of England to the seaport where we boarded the boat that brought us to France.

"Sunny France," they say, but I fail to see it so far. All we get is rain and then some, and at this writing it is raining pretty hard. There is a good-sized town about five miles from our present camp which the boys have visited off and on. There one can see in real life the buildings and people that we had been used to seeing in moving pictures at home. We've gone to the "movies" several times over here but the pictures were the same that we had seen in America two years ago. The buildings in this town are pretty well shot up and it will be a great trip for sightseers to come over here after the war.

Things were pretty noisy around here this morning about breakfast time. It seemed like a reproduction of the American Fourth of July but on a larger scale. Although we are located quite a way behind the lines one could hear the big guns very plainly and when they started in on their morning hymn the ground and buildings shook. The boys of this company are fixed pretty well as far as shelter is concerned. We are living in low huts with five blankets, a cot and two stoves, so it is not as bad as one might think. The two companies at this camp are

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operating and maintaining the light railway in this area and it is pretty light compared with the railroads around Lowell. The engines are something like the one that was in the Labor day parade in Lowell two years ago.

Well, I suppose that a lot of the young fellows in Lowell are in the army now and they may be on their way over here. We have heard that a lot of American troops have landed here but we have not seen any of them. I would like to meet the boys from the United States who have come over here in the last couple of months and have a talk with them for a few minutes. The French people sure have used the boys from America O.K., and wherever one goes he will see them together on the streets. The boys from Australia are about as fine a bunch of men as one would want to meet.

Well, I think I have written quite a lot for one time, so I will close as the censor may get tired of reading this long story. I wish you a merry Christmas and good luck.

Priv. James B. Clancy.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find a souvenir. Let me know if you receive it as some of the boys have received letters from home saying that articles had been removed from the letters coming from over there.

Musicalian Gilligan

Musician Martin W. Gilligan with Battery P in France writes as follows to his mother, Mrs. M. A. Gilligan of 129 Boston street.

Somewhere in France, Nov. 27, 1917.
Dear Mother—I am writing again but I can't say very much as I have not received an answer to the mail that I sent from this side. I am still feeling O.K. and am keeping well. I hope everyone at home is well. I expect to get some of your mail any time now. The last letter I received came on the 26th of October. I hope you get all my letters. I will write twice a week if I can.

I am sending a snapshot I had taken here. I think it is a good one. I hope

you get this letter before Christmas, and I hope that you all have a very merry Christmas.

We are working pretty hard here, but we enjoy ourselves, too. We get good rest at night and plenty to eat, so we can't kick much. I would like to see Lowell when that bunch from Ayer comes to town. We get a few papers here from home and they all have Camp Devens in them. Those fellows don't know what it is to soldier yet; they are just having a vacation.

Well, I can't find much to say, only I wish I could hear from you more often. The weather here is not cold; we have to wear our overcoats only now and then. But we have plenty of rain.

Well, hoping to hear from you soon, I will close, with love to all. Marty.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A special meeting of Division 8, A.O. H. was held last night for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term. Vice President Monahan occupied the chair and the election resulted as follows: President, M. J. Monahan; vice president, John J. O'Sullivan; financial secretary, Thomas Dorsey; and recording secretary, J. J. O'Sullivan.

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tary, John Barrett; treasurer, Nicholas Soraghan; doorkeeper, John McGarry; sergeant-at-arms, Hugh J. Leonard; standing committee for two years, John Barrett, chairman, John Mulligan, Sr., Thomas Donnelly, Patrick Shoridan and Michael Gorman. Under the good and welfare of the order, the officers-elect thanked the members for their support. The class initiation committee reported that Division 8 had 37 men initiated. Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, during which refreshments were served. The officers chosen will be installed in January.

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EAGLES VOTE TO HELP THE POOR DURING THE YULETIDE SEASON

An interesting meeting of the members of the Lowell Aerie of Eagles was held last evening in Eagles' hall, Central street, with Worthy President O'Keefe in the chair. Considerable business was transacted and eight new members were initiated. It was voted to help the widows and orphans of the city as well as the worthy members of the organization during the Yuletide season, and a large amount of money was appropriated for that purpose. The date of the installation of the recently elected officers was set for January 10th and it was decided to have the event to be conducted in the evening. A special program will be arranged for the affair and luncheon will be served.

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4 SIGN PAINTER FALLS FROM STAGING

Samuel Siegel, a sign painter in the employ of the Kimball System, had a narrow escape from being killed shortly after noon today when he fell off a ladder staging swung in front of the building numbered 105 Merrimack street, near the corner of John street, and landed on the sidewalk. An examination showed that he was suffering from a lacerated wound of the forehead and lacerated wound of the nose and probably suffered internal injuries. The accident was witnessed by a large number of people who were passing through the street.

Siegel was painting a sign for Dr. A. J. Gagnon which is on the roof of the two and one-half story building at 105 Merrimack street. He was walking along the ladder staging when suddenly it tilted to one side and losing his balance he fell into the street. He struck on his feet but the fall was so great that when he struck the sidewalk his head and nose struck his knees and inflicted the injuries.

The injured man was carried into Dr. Gagnon's office and the ambulance summoned, but upon the arrival of the ambulance Siegel refused to go to a hospital. A doctor was then summoned and after the injuries had been dressed the man was taken to his home, 141 Chelmsford street.

COMMISSIONERS WIN SUGAR

It was reported at city hall this morning that the city of Lowell did not get its money's worth in a drawing contest each five pounds of real granulated sugar. The contest was held at Camp Devens for the benefit of the soldier boys and the first lot of five pounds of the sweet stuff drawn went to Commissioner Morse. The second lot was won by Commissioner Donnell and the third by James Redmond of the registrar of voters' office. It was also reported that the 15 pounds of sugar were later donated to the soldier boys by the winners.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE CITY PAID FOR WORTHLESS FLAGS

The state prison authorities are very sorry that the city of Lowell did not get its money's worth in the recent purchase of flags for the North common and Fort Hill park, for it was believed that the flags were of high grade material.

A few months ago Purchasing Agent Maxime Lepine purchased a large flag for the North common and a few weeks later another was purchased for the flag pole at Fort Hill park. The two emblems being purchased from the state prison authorities. A few days after the flags were raised they went to pieces. The attention of Victor E. Levesque, of the state prison industry was called to the quality of the flags and as a result several communications were exchanged between Mr. Buck and Mr. Lepine but without any satisfactory result.

This morning Mr. Buck called on the purchasing agent and said he was surprised to learn that the flags were of inferior quality. He said the building was purchased from a reliable company and the highest price possible was paid for the goods. The only work done by prison inmates on the flags is the sewing of the bunting bands. In closing he said he was very sorry that the flags did not prove of A 1 quality, and that closed the incident.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CHELMSFORD STREET HOSPITAL WILL INCLUDE FESTIVE BIRD

The Christmas dinner at the Chelmsford street hospital will consist of 300 pounds of western turkey purchased from Falloway Co. Cranberry sauce, mince pie, cheese, celery, oranges and nuts.

The dinner will be served to 336 inmates, the smallest number in the institution for the past three years, or 170 less than in 1914. While talking about the Christmas dinner this morning Sign Conley stated that the hospital will not live within its appropriation this year, this being due to the high cost of flour, coal and cloth.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's Asso Bldg

At 11:20 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the plant of Chase & Sons in Howe street and removed Peter O'Neil, of 152 Middlesex street to St. John's hospital. He was suffering from an injury to his left leg.

The central switchboard of the local fire department which has been located in the living room of Engine 3's quarters at the central station was last night transferred to the chief's reception room. There was no interruption in the service during the change.

John Jameson, residing at 233 Merrimack street, suffered a fracture of the right arm while at work at the car and engine repair shop of the Ry. Co. in Middlesex street about 6 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to St. John's hospital.

J. A. Cook, residing at 66 Royal street, suffered a laceration of the arm at 4:45 o'clock this morning as a result of that member being caught in a carding machine at the Merrimack mills of the American Woolen Co. at the Draught Navy Yard. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the Lowell hospital.

Walter Dana, residing at 1 Hancock avenue and employed by D. Lovejoy & Son in Liberty square, was burned about the face and arms about 6

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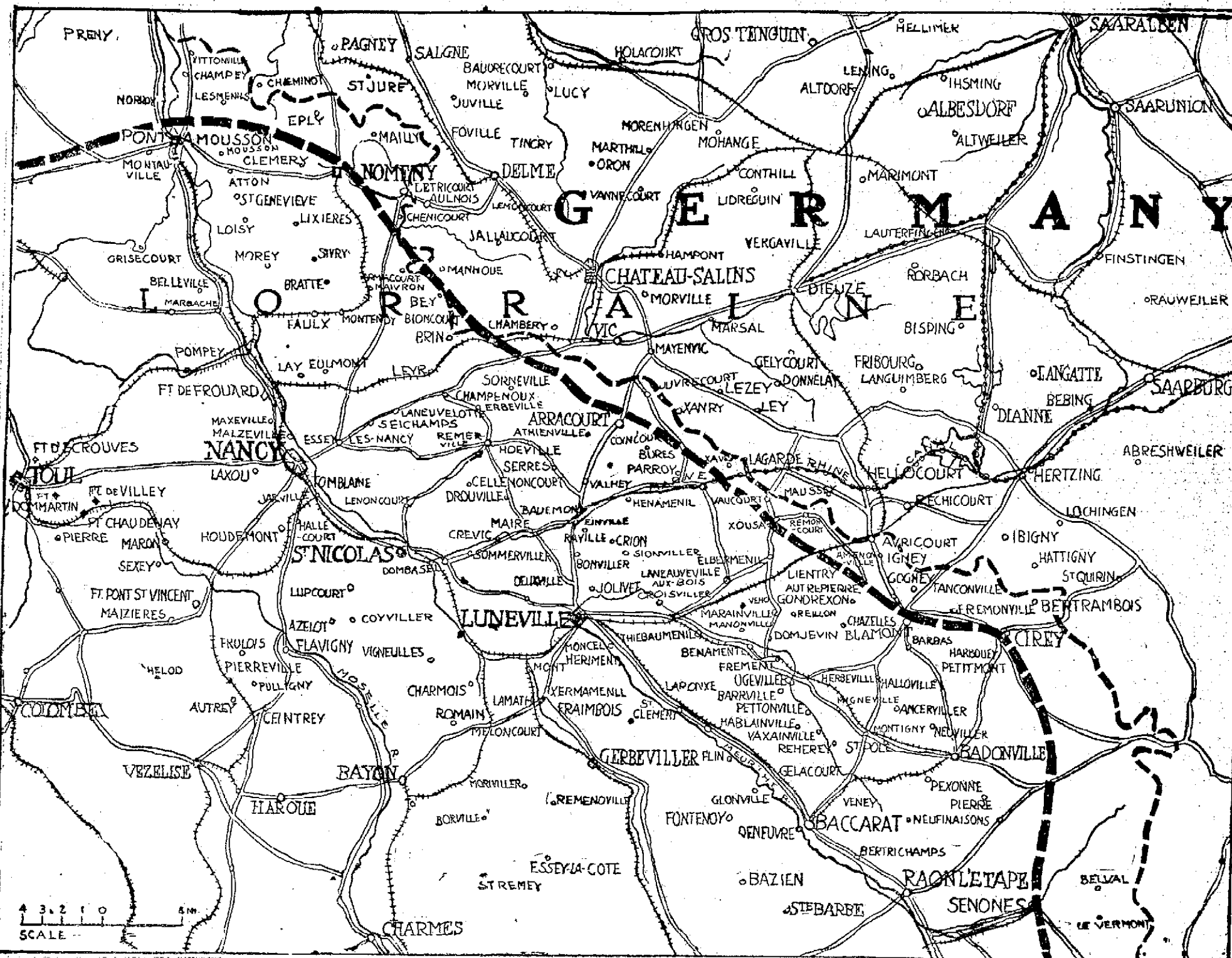
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15 CENTRAL STREET



AMERICA ASCENDANCY TO FINANCIAL SUPREMACY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years, gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

"It is probable that the demand by European countries," the report says, "especially Russia, France and Belgium, for building material, machinery, railway equipment and other construction and reconstruction material will be larger than during the war. Much of our new business in South and Central America, Australia and the far east, as well as in Africa, is expected to be permanent, especially in view of our permanent purchases of raw materials and foodstuffs from these countries."

Since 1914 the flow of gold has been steadily toward the United States in payment for this country's goods, until one-third of the world's visible supply of gold is held here. Imports of gold have amounted in three years to \$1,115,000,000, and in addition millions of dollars worth of American securities held abroad have been returned here in exchange for merchandise. Millions also have been invested in foreign securities and government loans and the United States has made loans to the allied governments amounting to \$2,550,000,000 to the close of the fiscal year 1917.

Three years ago the suggestion that the United States would soon be a creditor nation received scant respect either here or abroad," the report says. "Now speculation is turning on our future rank among creditor nations."

The fiscal year 1917 was the nation's greatest year in foreign trade, due almost entirely to higher prices and not to larger quantities.

Higher prices are not confined to the United States, but are general throughout the world. It is proved by the increases in the prices of imported articles," says the report.

Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$3,294,000,000, and imports were \$2,660,000,000. The exports showed an interesting feature in the growth in sales of completed manufactures, \$2,944,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and decrease purchases of finished manufactures made a striking contrast on the other side of the ledger.

"There has been a pronounced tendency," says the report.

For Tired Women With Aching Heads


"They help me so much and I find relief as soon as I begin taking your Foley Kidney Pills," Mrs. Frank P. Wood, Morrill, Maine, R. F. D. No. 2.



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Clipper, Flexible Flyer, Speedaway
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Largest Stock in Lowell
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| KIDDIE KARS
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A more satisfying gift for the little fellow cannot be found. | ROLLER SKATES
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A Full Line, Including Sets in Fancy Cases. | ROCKING HORSES
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HAND-CARS
SCOOT-A-CARS
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AIR RIFLES |
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THERMOS BOTTLES
THERMOS LUNCH BOXES
GILLETTE and AUTO-STRAP RAZORS
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SILVER KNIVES | POCKET KNIVES

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Ask us to Show You Our No. 356 Knife for 50c |
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218 CENTRAL STREET

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The well-known society leaders' hair was gray, just like yours. But Mrs. B. heard of Q-ban Hair Color Restorer—how thousands had proved that Q-ban would bring a natural, soft, even, dark shade to gray or faded hair and make it soft, fluffy and beautiful. Q-ban is all ready to use—a liquid, guaranteed harmless, 75c a large bottle—money back if not satisfied. Sold by Louis K. Liggett & Co., and all good drug stores. Try Q-ban Hair Tonic; Liquid Shampoo; Soap.



Hair Color Restorer

ing held last Sunday and at which plans for helping Company C, 302d Machine Gun battalion, reported the doings of the meeting and they distributed 100 tickets among the members of the association for the event to be conducted for the benefit of the company. In the course of the meeting, Lieut. T. B. Voight and two privates addressed the gathering.

It was voted to open the clubhouse to all men in uniform from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m., and the following committee was appointed to purchase a larger service flag than is now floating from the building: Napoleon Lozan, Joseph Arbour and Joseph L. Lamoureux. The resignation of Napoleon Milot as librarian was accepted with regret and his successor will be chosen in the near future.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Louis St. Jean; vice president, Adelard St. Jean; recording secretary, Thomas Berube; assistant recording secretary, Adelard Labrie; treasurer, Joseph L. Lamoureux; financial secretary, Napoleon Lozan; assistant financial secretary, Edmond Fontaine, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Richard Daigle; chief marshals, Edmond Fontaine and Raoul Poirer; directors, Emory Racette, Joseph Tremblay and Ludger Ouellette; interior sentinel, Joseph Boutin; exterior sentinel, Emile Beauchene; medical examiner, Dr. George E. Caisse.

It was announced that the installation will be held on the third Tuesday in January and the following committee has been appointed to prepare an entertainment program: Larry Roule, George Simard, Philipps Morin, Hector Laplante and Hector McDonald.

MAYOR-ELECT THOMPSON GETS LETTER RELATIVE TO INFANT MORTALITY HERE

Mrs. E. N. Burke, president of the Lowell guild has written a letter to Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson, calling his attention to the high rate of infant mortality in the city and the necessity of employing two additional health nurses, one by the guild and the other by the city. The mayor-elect has replied that he will be glad to meet the guild workers at their convenience.

The two letters follow: Lowell, Mass., Dec. 14, 1917. Mr. Perry Thompson.

My Dear Sir: As president of the Lowell guild, may I offer congratulations upon your recent election as mayor? I am sure that during your term of office you will be interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the city. I wish therefore to bring to your attention the need for additional health nurses. The Lowell Guild, which is a permanent organization, has been in connection with its own district nurse work would be very glad to offer its service for the supervision of further health work by the city, and particularly in baby welfare work.

The very high death rate in Lowell, among children under one year of age, emphasizes the need of an aggressive campaign to conserve child life, and prevent such an appalling infant mortality. With this end in view the guild hopes shortly to employ one additional child welfare nurse, and if it were possible for the city to supply another an appreciable decrease in the death rate might be accomplished.

Such a nurse should have the special training and work as given by the Boston Instructive District Nursing association, and I suppose in the case of being employed by the city, must also have passed a civil service examination. This is a measure urged and recommended by the state board of health, which has appointed a child welfare conservation committee for Lowell, of which I have the honor to be chairman. The council of the Lowell guild would be very glad if you would grant us an interview for the discussion of the matter of health nursing before the budget for the year is completed.

With every good wish for your success as mayor,
I am sincerely yours,
Perry D. Thompson.

(Mrs. Edward N. Burke.)

Mayor-elect Thompson's reply is as follows: Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17, 1917. Mrs. Edward N. Burke, President of the Lowell Guild.

My Dear Madam: In acknowledging receipt of your letter under date of Dec. 14, I first want to thank you for your congratulations and good wishes. No person could possibly be more interested in everything that pertains to the welfare of this city than myself. I realize and appreciate the good work which has, and is being done by the Lowell guild.

I shall be pleased to meet the council of the Lowell guild at their convenience. Sincerely yours,
Perry D. Thompson.
314 1/2 Donovan Bldg., Lowell, Mass.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Representatives of lodges of the Knights of Pythias of Lowell, Ayer, Fitchburg and Leominster attended the "Camp Devens" night, which was held Monday evening under the auspices of Harbinger lodge at the town hall of Ayer. One of the features of the evening was the degree work of Peter Woodland lodge of Lynn, which sent a large delegation to the event.

Present at the meeting were about 50 members of the National army at Camp Devens as well as all the members of Butler Ames lodge of this city in uniform. Entertainment numbers were given and refreshments were served.

The committee in charge of the arrangements included B. H. Allen of Uniform Rank Butler Ames company of Lowell, chairman; N. A. Nichols of Chevalier-Middlesex lodge, Lowell, and E. F. Griffin of Uniform Rank Butler Ames company, Lowell. The "Camp Devens night" was only one of the many things which the Pythians have planned for the entertainment of the soldier boys. On Christmas morning a large number of Lowell Pythians will journey to Camp Devens and distribute Christmas presents and tokens. The next meeting of the service committee will be held at Harbinger lodge, Ayer, Sunday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. All members of the order are invited to attend.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Thursday or Friday



Open Evenings

Bring Your Christmas Club Checks or Liberty Bonds to This Store and Get Their Full Value in CHALIFOUX VALUE.

Why You Should Shop Thursday or Friday—

There are those who for reasons best known to themselves, cannot buy their Christmas gifts until Saturday or Monday. Those who can do so are urgently requested to make way for the final rush. Shop Thursday or Friday.

What You Should Buy Thursday or Friday—

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JEWELRY
LEATHER GOODS
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Holiday stocks at Chalifoux's this year are larger than ever before. Varieties are vastly greater. We are prepared to give the best possible service right up to the last minute before closing time Monday evening—Christmas Eve. Late shoppers are advised to rely on Chalifoux's. It is the largest store in Lowell—more room for crowds. Chalifoux value and quality protect you. And people like to know their gifts come from Chalifoux's. It shows a fine sense of discrimination on the part of the giver.

Again—Shop Thursday or Friday if you can.



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From the Blouse Shop—An ideal Christmas gift. If you want to give a really beautiful Christmas blouse, you can do so at a very little cost. A fascinating collection and values are Chalifoux values.

White Voile and Striped Poplins. Good assortment to select from. Sizes from 36 to 54, 95c
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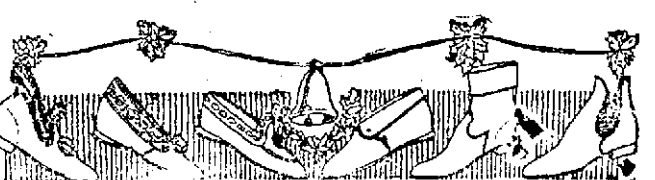
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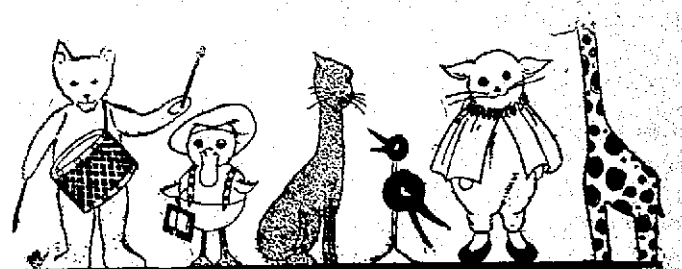


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We carry a stock of separate parts for Erectors at all times.
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CANADA VINDICATED

Canada has sustained the Borden government in its attitude on the war and has also endorsed conscription. Had she done anything else, she would have shown the white feather and nullified the glorious record of her brave soldiers and some of the hardest fought battles of the war.

We congratulate Canada, although we did not expect any other result. The province of Quebec will now have to do its share in the war although it has shown opposition to the war policy up to the present.

AS TO FIRING THE SOCIALIST

Editor Sun:—Why shouldn't congress kick out that socialist, Meyer London, the only member of the house treacherous enough to vote for our enemies?

There are several reasons, some political, some legal, some logical.

Meyer London was sent to congress to represent the opinion and wishes of a certain district, which he undoubtedly did in voting, alone, against war with Austria. True, a congressman is supposed to also represent the country at large, but it is the law of the socialist party, a law that curses it in the eyes of the vast majority of intelligent Americans, that it is the socialist party, first, last and all the time, regardless of all else. London voted correctly. Certain it is that if he had not so voted, he would be kicked out of his job; and equally certain it is that, if congress goes to firing its members who stick to the demands of their districts, pretty exclusively, we'll see a lovely procession of congressmen homeward bound.

But Meyer London is not wholly a calamity. Most good causes are better from having a kicker or two. It would be mighty bad if we all settled back in absolute safety and perfectly complete unanimity. London at least shows us where kaiserism is and what it's at. With the fierce little socialist's bull on the back of our neck, we are not likely to oversleep.

THE RUSSIAN PEACE

Judging from the proposals of peace between Russia and Germany, it appears that the Bolshevik officials are yielding practically everything of advantage to the Teutons. Germany holds the conquered territory and arranges for control of the Baltic and Black seas, together with commercial intercourse, "kultur" and exploitation such as will soon make the entire Russian dominions the base of supplies from which she can draw not only food and material in abundance but as many men as she may require.

Lening and Trotsky are simply selling out the nation to Germany in the most flagrant manner. They ask the ambassadors of the Entente powers which Russia has deserted to join in the peace negotiations, but it is not likely that these diplomats will be allowed to have any hand in such betrayal of Russia. They may, however, protest against this obvious betrayal of the allied cause by the Bolsheviks who temporarily represent the Russian people.

The mere withdrawal of Russia would be bad enough, but her agreement to supply the needs of Germany will offset the effect of the allied blockade of German ports. It will give the Central powers a new lease of life and new strength to maintain the war for one or two years longer.

The population of the conquered territory in Russia alone is 20,000,000. The men from this area can be drafted for war after the peace with Russia. Moreover the German prisoners released from Russia will number nearly a million men, most of whom will be returned to service at the front. Thus it appears that before the United States gets into the war Germany will be able to strike a tremendous blow on the western front and she is now making extensive preparations with that end in view. She will also be able to raise fortifications along the greater part of the western front against the expected spring drive.

It was hoped the spring would see the end of the struggle; but in view of the new power given to Germany by Russia, that hope has practically vanished. For the immediate future the Central powers have gained more by the collapse of Russia than have the allies by the expulsion of their cause by the United States.

SUPPOSE YOU WERE THEY

When a living, breathing human victim of injustice knocks very often at your front door, sometimes as often as twice a day, you are pretty near the Hun class if you sit back in your soft comfort and refuse to be interested.

How much do you know about those fine fellows who serve you in blizzard or sizzard, in rain or sunshine, in hail, in sleet, between the lightning flashes, the letter carriers? You see them, at this season of the year, working far into the night under loads that would stagger a horse. Does it ever strike you that they are your employees, doing your work, under your pay? Does it ever strike you that if great injustice is being done these faithful fellows, it's because of your indifference, your absorption in life?

The foregoing to awaken you to the fact that the postal workers, your employees, are asking an increase of pay from you, in a bill presented in your congress. How have you been treating them?

You have given them one increase

in 40 years—just ten years ago, when a dollar would go twice as far as it does now, as you well know. Their minimum wage is \$2.22 per day, the maximum \$3.33, or much less than you'd have to pay to get ordinary ditch-diggers. And, at that, your postal employees have to work, on the average, nine years to get that maximum.

While your postal employee is off duty through illness he is also off the payroll. You grant him no pension. You make him buy his own uniform, the cost of which has advanced 59 per cent, since you gave him that raise, ten years ago. You make him work long hours of overtime, but pay him the regular hourly wage for it. You work him so much nights that he has to sacrifice his social life with family and friends. When he has loyalty stuck by the job for, say, 40 years and become unfitted for anything else, you "turn him out to grass" himself, exclusively, to find the grass.

That's the way you've been treating your postoffice clerks and letter carriers. And, last year, your postoffice department returned you a net surplus of \$5,827,286.07!

Moreover, in the last session of your congress you raised the pay of all government employees except those of your underpaid, profit-making post-office department.

Now, don't try to dodge the responsibility! Don't try to satisfy yourself by saying that it's up to congress! It is your congress. The shame and injustice of this thing are roosting right on your doorstep. It is your congress, your money, your employees, nobody else's, and so the whole responsibility is yours. Write to your congressmen and senators and urge that they increase the pay of your faithful postal employees, with your money so as to give them a wage commensurate with the value of their service according to present day standards.

SEEN AND HEARD

Love may be blind, but all lovers should remember that the neighbors aren't.

The boy who thinks he knows what he is going to be when he grows up is usually wrong.

If some people should think always before they spoke, they would have to do some rapid thinking.

The first thing the soldier has to do is to learn to obey orders. That helps to fit him for being married.

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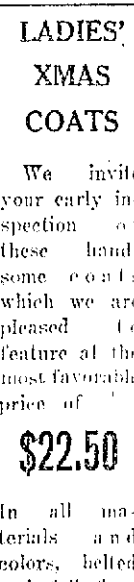
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Do your bit. If you have made money, give money and spend money. Give encouragement to every line of endeavor and industry by helping to circulate the billions that are being spent in this country. This is one way of defeating the enemy.

This may be contrary to the advice of certain pessimists, but the present is no time for long faces.

Christmas Stockings Should Be Filled as Never Before.

when a man writes to you to ask your opinion about something and encloses a three-cent stamp for your reply.

A New Edit

The other evening, a would-be fashionable woman called at a neighbor's, at what she thought would be supper time.

"Come in," said the neighbor, "we are having tableaux."

"I'm so glad," said the visitor, "I thought I might come, and I like it better than anything else for supper."

—Fittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Real Showman

"That boy of mine is a natural-born showman."

"What makes you think so?"

"He gives circuses every afternoon."

In our backyard that are the talk of the neighborhood.

"Aren't you afraid he'll break his neck performing on a trapeze or making high jumps?"

"No, indeed. He just takes the tickets. That's why I think he's a natural showman."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Old Lady's Find

Breathless with excitement during the cold weather, the old lady appeared at the window of the lost property office.

"I found something in the train," she said.

"What is it, ma'am?" inquired the clerk.

"I don't know; it's a box with handles at each end. It may be a bomb, an infernal machine. Fetch a policeman."

"Let me see it, ma'am," asked the clerk.

"Certainly not; it may be a jewel case. It is made of metal and it's very heavy. Send for the station master," she said.

"Won't you let me see it?"

"No, I will not. Trying to cheat an old woman out of her reward. Send for the station master and a policeman."

These two worthies having arrived, the old lady showed her find to the expectant crowd.

"Now," she said, "what is it?"

"That!" roared the station master. "That thing? Why, it's a foot-warmer."

—Theobald Sunday Herald.

Give Us Coal

The cellar pipes are busted
And the heater's frost-encrusted
And the halls with snow are dusted
Which is chilly to the sole.

There is ice on all our dishes
And we're cold as frozen fish is
Hearken, hearken to our wishes
Give us coal.

Here's the roll,
For the precious love of Peter, give us coal!

For an icy cheer shows on
Every chair; the breeze that blows on
Any window leaves us frozen
And the kitchen stove is colder
than the Pole.

We must chop the milk we're eating
And there's ice upon our sheeting.
Hear our quaking voices bleating
Give us coal!

We will pay most any toll
If you'll only give us coal, coal, coal!

We don't ask to have our bin full,
Give us just a haking tin full.
For we know the waste is sinful,
And we'll use the precious fuel,
dole by dole.

From a poor field or a star field,
From a near field or a far field,
For the love of Mike, Sir Garnfield,
Give us coal!

By the bucket or the bowl,
Ere our frigid frames grow rigid
And we're corpses, frozen whole
Give us just a teeny-weeny bit
of coal!

—Berton Braley.

Unwanted Women

A writer, in paying tribute to the splendid war work of the majority of women, indicated a minority of "unpleasant women," including those who give themselves a good time under the pretext that they are "giving the boys a good time."

Unpleasant women in the homes of well-to-do parents, and single women living unless lives in boarding houses.

Here is the other side of the story, as presented by a woman "slacker."

"Take my own case: At first, like many another, I did not realize that the grip of war was going to tighten so relentlessly on our country. But when I did realize it I took a survey of the situation in order to see 'what I could do' in the national scheme of things."

I have been a working woman all my life first as a fully qualified teacher, then as a specialist in certain directions in business. I have known all my life that I have none of the essential qualities of a nurse, and a lowly period offered myself as a voluntary helper in connection with national educational movements which I had been being organized at the time in view of difficulties after the war."

In both cases my offer was refused. My services were not required.

Now, the question remains: Ought I to have offered my services for nursing or for those other branches of help when I knew perfectly well that I

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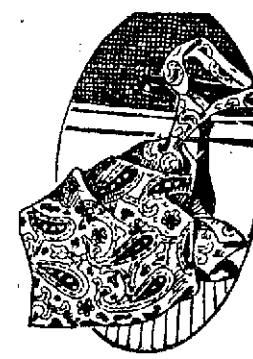


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should very soon have been knocked out by them?

I think all reasonable people will admit that I should have been far more bother than I was worth if I had done so. It was surely more sensible for me to make the decision myself than to force it upon the nation.

And I take it that there are others in the same class as myself. We are not doing definite war work, because there is no niche for us.—London Daily Mail.

LARGE STOCKS OF DRIED FISH DAMAGED IN FOOD RIOTS IN PORTUGAL.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 10.—News has been received here that large stocks of

dried fish owned by Newfoundland interests were damaged in recent food riots in Oporto, Portugal. Many vessels from this port visit Oporto every year as that city is the principal distributing point for the large exports of Newfoundland cod to Portugal. Shippers are considering steps to be taken for the recovery of the value of their property.

George Leach, who works on a small ferryboat in Maine, has a unique record. He has been an engineer for more than a quarter of a century and has not been more than 200 yards from shore in all that time. His boat carries passengers across the Penobscot river between Brewer and Bangor.



WORLD'S LARGEST KNITTING CLASS AIDS RED CROSS

The picture above shows but a portion of the largest knitting class ever formed. These girls are employed in the manufacturing plant of one of the Chicago's leading industries. When this

photograph was taken 277 women and girls were knitting. An expert teacher is provided on two nights a week to teach the beginners and instruct in the difficult stitches.

When the knitting class gets out needles and yarn, typewriters are shoved aside and the class is divided into sections, one row in making sweaters, another, scarfs, another,

helmets, and so on. Thus the inexperienced knitter can look over her neighbor's shoulder when a knotty problem confronts her.

RED CROSS WORKERS

Continued

conjunction with Mrs. Boyden H. Pillsbury, the campaign membership secretary, has charge of the work. Yesterday afternoon, a corps of young

ladies from the commercial department of the high school assisted in the work and their services were very much appreciated. They will continue this work for the rest of the campaign.

A meeting will be held Friday evening, Monday noon, and the final gathering will take place on the night after Christmas, when a dinner will be served and final reports made. The campaign is just beginning to strike a healthy stride, and the next few days should see a lot of action locally. A systematic canvass of the various trades and professions is being made and there is hardly a person in the city who will escape the appeal of the workers. As the campaign slogan says, in heart and a dollar is all that a person needs to become a 1918 member of the great American Red Cross society.

At the war work headquarters in Merrimack street more than 150 new membership subscriptions have been taken in. The central location of this agency has proved convenient to many persons down town who wished to join the society, but who had not been reached by any of the workers.

The Boy Scouts are doing their bit in the drive. Headquarters have been established at the Highland club and Scout Executive Alex B. Williams is on hand every day from 4 to 6.30 to direct the work of the young canvassers. Persons who are unable to get downtown and who are not "covered" by the campaign workers may have the details of their signing up arranged by a scout if he or she will merely call either the Highland club or the scout headquarters in Shattuck street. One difficulty which the scouts have to face is the fact that many people are signed up at their place of employment and when a scout goes to a home he is very often told that the members of the family have given in their subscriptions downtown. But in some instances the downtown canvassers overlook certain individuals and here the scouts are on hand to get in

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE LEADS IN ATHLETICS

Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan is showing young Nippon how the best Samurai traditions may be converted into the realm of sports to the glory of the race. At 16 he is a leader in ath-



letics and is setting the pace of physical development for his young university companions. Hirohito, of whom this is a recent picture, is a captain in the Japanese army and a lieutenant of the navy.

BRITISH LABOR'S ATTITUDE

Important Conference to Discuss Attitude Towards War and Peace

Meeting of World-Wide, If Not Revolutionary, Consequence

LONDON, Nov. 29 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—British labor's attitude towards war and peace will be the chief subject of discussion at the 17th annual conference of the labor party beginning Jan. 23. Advance copies of the Agenda which have just been issued, contain important side lights on what it is believed may prove to be a meeting of world-wide, if not revolutionary, consequence with regard to the relations between capital and labor.

Among the resolutions to be submitted is one by the British socialist party which says, in effect, that labor's participation in the government has not resulted in any tangible benefits to the mass of the people. The resolution adds "neither has the association of the labor party with the government assumed that the coming peace will be made by the democracy rather than by capitalist diplomacy." The document also says: "The methods employed to remove Mr. Henderson from the war cabinet when acting in perfect accord with the decisions of the labor movement are incompatible." It will therefore be urged by the socialists that members of the labor party now holding office be withdrawn.

The independent labor party will submit a resolution which calls upon the government to provide for the direct representation of the organized democracy in every conference which discusses the condition of peace.

It continues: "The obstacles placed by the government in the way of responsible representatives of labor conferring together with a view to arriving at such an un-

derstanding upon the problems of Europe as will resolve the co-operative support of all the democracies, without which there can be no lasting peace."

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers calls upon the government to impose at once a levy of 25 per cent on the whole capital wealth of the country, to be levied on all persons in possession of more than £1000, to be followed by further levies for the purpose of extinguishing the national debt and compelling the rich classes to repay to the nation the wealth which they have acquired, not in return for service rendered, but as the result of an unjust and vicious economic system."

A second resolution by the same organization advocates the complete nationalization of shipping and transport, state purchase and control of all essential raw materials and foodstuffs, and the fixing of maximum, but not minimum prices for all essential commodities.

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LONG LIVE THE KING Here's the kind of monarch we admire and envy. He's the "Back Yard Potato King," living at Huntington Beach, Cal. Name's A. J. Young, and he's the greatest authority on tubers in the west. His instructions to farmers this year resulted in doubling the ordinary output in California. For 22 years he's raised potatoes on the same ground, producing 400 bushels to the acre. Is he rich? What a foolish question. Look at that mountain of spuds.

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Colored Striped Voile Waists.....98c
Fur Muffs\$5.00
Silk and Party Dresses.....\$8.75 and Up
Bath Robes\$1.98 and \$2.98
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Children's Coats\$5.00
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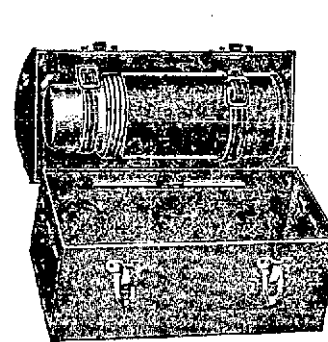
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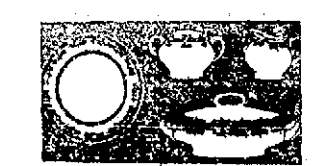
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HEARING TO DETERMINE PRICES OF MILK

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—Additional representatives of the milk producing interests of New England were heard today by the federal milk commission appointed to determine fair prices for milk delivered in Boston. It is expected that dealers of this city will be heard tomorrow and that an opportunity will be given consumers to present their side of the case later.

MATRIMONIAL

Fred W. Nord and Mrs. Margaret J. Greene were married yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock at St. Peter's rectory by Rev. D. J. Heffernan. The bride wore plum colored chiffon broadcloth, with beaver trimmings, and hat to match, and carried violets and roses. She was attended by Mrs. A. P. Webb, who wore taupe colored charmeuse trimmed with fur, and hat to match, and carried American beauty roses. The best man was A. P. Webb. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 50 Leverett street. The couple left in the evening on a wedding trip to New York and other points of interest. The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a golden sapphire ring, while the groom's favor to the best man was a scarfpin. Mr. and Mrs. Nord, who were the recipients of numerous wedding gifts, will make their home in this city.

ARMY OFFICER ACCUSED OF PAYING WIFE SALARY WHEN SHE WAS ABSENT FROM FORT

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 19.—The verdict in the court martial trial of Lieut. Col. James H. Burroughs, charged with paying his wife a salary out of government funds when she was absent from Fort Leavenworth, was sent to the department commander at Chicago today. Col. Burroughs testified that his wife worked as a clerk and helped with the correspondence in buying horses. Five horse contractors testified that she was an expert and that her judgment of animals and patriotic talk saved the government money. Joseph Nugent, of Des Moines, Ia., testified that he had not intended to include fifty-two fine horses in a band sold to the government, but Mrs. Burroughs made a patriotic talk that induced him to do so and that he lost \$2000 on the contract.

BEATTY IS "REGULAR FELLOW" SAYS PIGOTT

These men look alike—and that's natural, as Admiral Sir David Beatty, hero of Jutland, and (below) Dave Pigott are first cousins.

Dave is Shaw taxi starter at Kansas City. He and the admiral grew up together in Ireland and Dave has many memories of the "big, handsome lad" who used to shout, "Top of the mornin', Dave!" so heartily.

"He's just a regular fellow," says Dave.



JAZZ POPULARITY DANCE Everything is in readiness for the Jazz popularity dance in Associate hall this evening when the struggle for popularity supremacy among the members of 15 girls' clubs will be decided. Votes have been cast for several weeks past but tonight the final count will be made and the winners announced. Young men of the city who have not yet voted will have their final chance this evening. A Liberty bond is to be given to the lucky ticket-holder and nearly a hundred valuable Christmas gifts will be distributed among the popular girls.

Agnes J. Holton, aged 4, of Middletown, Conn., is knitting washcloths for the Red Cross. She has no help and if she happens to drop a stitch she picks it up and goes on with her work.

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Peter A. Tague	1,694
James O'Neal	345

Peter's Plurality 9,074

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

First Three Elected	
Lane	36,835
Moriarty	34,321
Hagan	31,708
Cassidy	28,113
Wellington	26,574
Horwitz	25,329
Leonard	21,684
Carr	15,268
Coffey	11,719

*Re-elected.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

First Three Elected	
Lane	51,341
Corcoran	50,855
Lee	46,470
Kenny	45,160

VOTE ON LICENSE

For	54,260
Majority for license	23,485

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Andrew J. Peters, former assistant secretary of the treasury, was chosen mayor of this city yesterday, by a plurality of 9072 votes in one of the most exciting and contested elections in local history.

Mayor James M. Curley, who sought re-election, ran second; Congressman James A. Gallivan was third; Congressman Peter F. Tague, fourth, and James O'Neal, fifth. With the exception of Mr. O'Neal, who is a socialist and ran on stickers, the candidates are democratic in national politics. The tickets in the city election were non-partisan.

Four years ago, Mayor Curley defeated Thomas J. Kenney for mayor by a plurality of 5740 votes.

The city went license with a slight increase majority over last year. The vote was: Yes, 54,260; no, 30,775; a majority of 23,485. Last year, the vote was: Yes, 53,417; no, 30,335; a majority of 23,082.

Daniel W. Lane and Councilman Henry E. Hagan, who, with Mr. Peters, were endorsed by the Good Government association, were elected to the



Wm. J. Madden
—JOINS THE—
Progressive Store

Since the Talbot Clothing Co. remodelled their store they have been looking for progressive young men for the most progressive store in Lowell. Mr. Madden fills the bill and his hosts of friends are congratulating him in his new position in Lowell. He is one of the best known and most popular young men in town and feels he now has a chance to make good and invites his friends to call and see him. He can show the largest stock in town in the best clothing store in New England and he is feeling very good about it.

HOLIDAY JOYS

Help to make this a Useful Gift Christmas. Give something useful and lasting to those you make glad.

Lunch Boxes	...\$2.50 up
Vacuum Bottles	\$2.00 up
Pocket Knives	...25c up
Razors	...\$1.00 up
Strops	...15c up
Hones	...25c up
Shaving Soap	...10c up
Brushes	...25c up
Food Choppers	\$1.50 up
Searchlights	...75c up
Steering Sleds	...\$1.00 up
Express Carts	...\$2.75 up

Authorized Agents for the Sale of Government Saving Stamps

Adams Hardware
AND PAINT CO.,
Middlesex St. Near Depot

STANDARDIZE ALL MOTOR TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Completion of designs for standardizing all the motor trucks and trailers needed by the government for peace as well as for war work was announced today by the quartermaster corps.

Three classes of trucks have been provided. Class AA with 3-4-ton capacity was the last to be worked out by the two motor engineers who contributed many new ideas. Manufacture of the Class B truck having a rated capacity of three tons, already has started after exhaustive tests of the sample cars. Three sample trucks of the Class A variety, capacity of 1-1 1/2 tons, now are being tested. One left Detroit today from the plant of the Denby Motor Truck company, and will be joined at Cleveland tomorrow by one from the White Co. They will be run to Ardmore, Pa., where a third, from the factory of the Autocar Co., will complete the party for the trial trip to Washington.

Plans for standard model trailers include one of three tons capacity requested by General Pershing for early use in France. It will have only two axles, according to present designs. Assembly already has started of a

four-wheel trailer, 1-2 tons capacity, double ended, at the plants of the Grant Motor Car Co., Cleveland, and Detroit Trailer Co., Detroit. A third type will be devised for the special use of the signal corps to have two wheels and pneumatic tires.

Erig Gen. Chauncy B. Baker has been in personal charge of standardizing the designs for government motor vehicles. While the majors portion of the new trucks will be put into war work, some will be used by the postoffice department and thousands will be turned over to civilian uses of the government when victory has been won.

Many parts of all three trucks are identical except in size, to facilitate production and repair. An important feature will be the accessibility of mechanical parts, any one of which can be reached without removing another. Headlights will be attached to the radiator instead of the dashboard or mud guards. Special bodies will be provided for the uses of the signal corps, medical corps, bureau of docks and other departments, but all will at the standard chassis.

Five test vehicles of the newly designed Class AA truck have been ordered. Four will be assembled by the Reg Motor Car Co., Lansing; Michigan Federal Motor Truck Co., Detroit; Maxwell Motor Car Co., Detroit; and Willys-Overland Co., Toledo. The fifth will be assembled in Washington as a test against the drawing of the quartermaster corps.

Orders for the three classes of trucks will run into the tens of thousands. A preliminary order of ten thousand has been placed for the heavy Class B vehicle. Estimates of the number of Class A have not been made public, but of the class AA 3500 will be needed for ambulances, 1000 for ordnance work, 5000 for the signal corps, and a vast number for the quartermaster corps. All of them, with trailers will be run overland to the seaboard.

fully loaded and are expected to relieve the railroads of carrying several thousand tons of government supplies.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION OF THE G. A. R.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Middlesex association of the G. A. R. was held yesterday in Memorial hall with a large number of the veterans in attendance representing most of the posts in the cities and towns in Middlesex county. While the men's meeting was being held in the upper hall the members of the Middlesex County Relief corps of the G. A. R. were meeting in the lower hall.

The men's meeting was presided over by Commander Henry Clark of Cambridge and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Commander, William C. M. Howe, Post 194, Reading; senior vice commander, Eben Pike, Post 50, Cambridge; junior vice commander, George Louillard, Post 56, Cambridge; chaplain, Robert Morrison, Post 40, Cambridge; surgeon, Henry Clark, Post 38, Arlington; quartermaster, C. F. Morrill, Post 156, Everett; officer of the day, S. B. Dearborn, Post 12, Wakefield; officer of the guard, J. W. Emory, Post 56, Cambridge; adjutant, A. H. Knowles, Post 38, Arlington; quartermaster sergeant, Joseph Wiggins, Post 4, Melrose; sergeant major, George A. Whidden, Post 4, Melrose.

This department officers present were Department Commander D. E. Denny of Worcester, Past Department Commander Granville C. Fisk of Ashland, and Commander George Wilder of Post 15, Boston.

At noon luncheon was served by the B. F. Butler Relief corps of this city, and in the afternoon a joint entertainment was given for the men's and women's organizations. The next meeting of the Middlesex association will be held with the James A. Gardold corps of this city next March. During the monthly session of the Middlesex County Relief corps the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. Carrie Young of Medford; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Gott of Cambridge; guard, Mrs. Sarah Buchanan of Watertown. The following department officers were also present: Mrs. Nellie Libby, past department president; Mrs. Dorcas Lyman, departmental chairman

women's relief corps; Mrs. Ella Boss, departmental patriotic instructor; Mrs. Mabel Smith, chairman, department headquarters aids.

Near the close of the meeting of the relief corps, the following conveyed to the veterans meeting upstairs the greetings of the relief corps: Miss Mary Elliott, department secretary; Mrs. Agnes Parker, department junior vice president; Mrs. Essie H. Cummings, president, B. F. Butler Relief corps. At the afternoon session of both bodies the following entertainment program was given: Address, past commander of B. F. Butler, Post 42, "Keep the Home Fires Burning"; "The Long, Long Trail," Commissioner Jas. E. Donnelly; reading, Miss Neila Cross; remarks, Commander Denny of the Department of Massachusetts, and also by Past Department Commander Fisk; songs, Mrs. Elizabeth Young; remarks, Miss Mary E. Elliott, department secretary of the women's relief corps of Massachusetts, and by Mrs. Agnes Parker, department junior vice president; readings, Mrs. Caroline Sarge; songs, Mrs. Elsie Streeter, and "The Star Spangled Banner" by all; reading by Mrs. Helen Casey; remarks by Past Department President Mrs. Nellie Libby.

The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Helen Bowser.

CHRISTMAS TREES, HOLLY AND MISTLETOE

Lowell will have her usual share this year of Christmas trees, Christmas wreaths, mistletoe and all the other arborial and floral elements that go to make Christmas seem real. In conversation with a Sun reporter this morning one of the prominent local florists said that although practically all the Christmas trees which Lowell dealers would receive this season would come from Maine and not from Massachusetts and New Hampshire as has been the case in previous years, nevertheless, there was an abundant supply of "tree-holders" and that most of the local dealers had experi-

enced very little difficulty in getting all they could use.

In the case of the Christmas wreaths most of which come from New Hampshire where there is an abundance of mistletoe and holly, the situation will be a little more rigid. It is almost impossible for the wholesale people up north to get enough help to make up the wreaths and pick the holly, etc., and consequently they will be scarcer than usual.

However, a large number have already been received and then many of the local dealers receive only the raw materials and make up their own wreaths. A slight advance in price will be about the only noticeable feature of the wreaths in Lowell. The trees will sell for about the same price as in past years.

One of the largest and finest ranches in Nebraska is ranch "1733," near Kearney. It is exactly 1733 miles from San Francisco and from Boston, being in the center of the continent, east and west.

One of the Best Safety Razors Made

DURHAM DUPLEX
25c Each
Buy One for the Boy
Ervin E. Smith Co.
43-49 Market Street

THIS WEEK
Strand
CONTINUOUS-15 MIN.
Last Time Today
Lowell's Popular Star
JUNE ELVIDGE
In the World Film Production
"THE TENTH CASE"
In Six Acts
WM. FOX OFFERS
William Farnum
In the 8-Act Wonder Drama
"THE HEART OF A LION"
COMING—THURS., FRI., SAT.
Herbert Heyes

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL
DANCE
—BY THE—
Sunset Campers
ASSOCIATE HALL TOMORROW NIGHT
TICKETS 25 CENTS

CROWN THEATRE
TODAY AND THURSDAY
EDITH STOREY AND ANTONIO MORENO
In "MONEY MAGIC"
A Vitaphone feature in which a man's wealth—not his love—decided her. But she was more a daughter than a wife.
"FEET OF CLAY," a story in which a man's criminal past looms up.
All star cast.
Big Surrounding Program of Other Features

OWL THEATRE
TODAY AND THURSDAY
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
Routs single-handed a gang of hard-fisted East Side toughs in his comedy drama of psychology and muscle.
"The Habit of Happiness"
With Scene After Scene of Ludicrous Situations
PEARL WHITE in "THE FATAL RING"
E. K. LINCOLN in "The Grey Seal" series
COMEDY AND OTHER PLAYS

14 REELS OF PICTURES WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
A THEATRE DEVOTED TO THE SCREEN
The Special Feature for This Extra Length Performance Stars
ROYAL Alice Joyce
SPECIAL FILMS:
"AN OLD-FASHIONED DAD," in four acts.
13th Episode of "THE SEVEN PEARLS"
POKES & JABBS and KEYSTONE COMEDIES
The famous screen player, in Vitaphone's
THE FETTERED WOMAN
The story of a lone girl's fight to regain love and respect after she had been in jail. In 5 big acts.

AN INDICTMENT OF PARENTS WHO ALLOW THEIR DAUGHTERS TO GROW UP IN IGNORANCE OF THE WORLD'S PITFALLS.
—A REAL HEART-THROB IN EVERY LINE—
The Emerson Players Present Sidney Toler's Wonderful Dramatic Success,
PLAYTHINGS
Splendid Acting—Beautiful Scenic Effects—A Two-Dollar Show at Popular Prices—Positively the Biggest Hit Ever Known in Lowell Theatrical Events.

NO ONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEM OF HUMANITY CAN AFFORD TO MISS IT
EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT—EVERYBODY'S GOING TO SEE IT
There's Something to It You Will Like
Next Week—"The Man Who Owns Broadway"
Are You a Subscriber? If not, become one at once.
OPERA HOUSE
The Theatre of Big Things
A Play of Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow and All Times.
Young and Old Appreciate this Wonderful Play
Secure Your Seats Early

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 21, 22
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"THE SECRET GAME"

A Great Mystery Story
The kind that'll give you that "creepy" feeling and make you grip your seat good and tight. You're bound to like it. You liked Sessue Hayakawa in "The Cheat," "The Jaguar's Claws," "The Bottle Imp," and "Hashimura Togo," didn't you? Well, take our word for it, this is the best yet. Don't Miss It!

ADDED ATTRACTION
MRS. VERNON CASTLE in
"The Mark of Cain"
WHO KILLED ROWLAND TROWBRIDGE?
See the best dressed star in this great fast-action mystery play in five wonderful acts.
COMEDY AND OTHER PLAYS CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCES
TONIGHT ONLY—"Down to Earth," with Douglas Fairbanks. Alice Joyce in "An Alabaster Box."

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS—THE UNIVERSAL SCREEN MAGAZINE; HELEN HOLMES in 12th Episode of "THE LOST EXPRESS;" a New Fox SUNSHINE COMEDY. Others.
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"For BETTER Pictures"
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY DEC. 19th-20th

We are preparing to protect our MOTHERS, WIVES and SWEETHEARTS from the ravages of war—and
"War's Women"
Teaches the lesson that should be borne in mind. Europe has been drenched in the blood of woman-kind. It shall not happen in America.
ALL-STAR CAST supporting ENID MARKEY and FRANK KEENAN
USUAL PRICE

METHUEN HAS FIRST CITY ELECTION AS

METHUEN, Dec. 18.—Samuel Rush-ton was elected mayor by a majority of 34 votes over Harrison Turner yesterday in the first election under the new city charter. Mr. Rush-ton, who has been chairman of the town board of selectmen, received 1145 votes as against 1051 votes for Mr. Turner, a business man.

The new city went no-license by a majority of 389 votes. The vote was: No, 1250; yes, 851. As a town last year the license vote was: No, 937; yes, 655.

The tickets yesterday were non-partisan, but the contests for mayor and councilors were sharp. William L. Steadman and Fred G. Hillis were elected councilors-at-large.

The following councilors by wards were chosen: Ward 1, George A. Brown; ward 2, Richard Nicholson; ward 3, Edward Riley; ward 4, James E. Scholefield; ward 5, Allen H. Gammons. A school committee of six members was also selected.

NORTH ADAMS BACK IN "WET" COLUMN

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 18.—After a year of no-license, this city returned to the license column yesterday, by a majority of 349.

Mayor E. D. Whitaker, with both republican and democratic nominations, was re-elected without opposition. The republicans elected six out of seven councilmen and captured all of the other city offices.

Due to the spirited fight on the license question, an unusually large vote was cast. The vote on license was: Yes, 1687; no, 1338. Last year, the vote was: Yes, 1599; no, 1595.

Under this plan the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be known as mayor at a salary of \$2000 a year. George E. Beal, treasurer of the Waltham Savings bank, was the top of the slate with a vote of 2546 and takes this office. The others elected were William F. Earle, 2340; Joseph M. Quinn, 2267; Robert L. Lyons, 2322; and Gleason Wood, 2148. The first three on the list will serve for two years, the other two for one year.

Those defeated were Eben J. Williams, present mayor; Geo. W. Thornburg, president of the board of aldermen; James E. Brackett, Thomas E. Bryson and Frank P. Martin.

Six members of the school committee were re-elected without opposition.

The city remained dry. The license vote was: Yes, 1133; no, 1295. Last year's figures were: Yes, 1417; no, 2567.

Mecano and Erector Sets at The Thompson Hardware Co.

NATURALIZATION COURT

Clerk William C. Dillingham of the superior court will be at his office in the court house on Gorham street on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of receiving petitions for naturalization (second papers); and on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3 and 4, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of receiving applications for first papers.

THRIFT STAMPS AS XMAS GIFTS

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—The use of thrift stamps in place of gold pieces as Christmas gifts, is suggested by Howell Cheney, director for Connecticut of the national war savings committee. In an appeal to the banks of the state today, he asks that they suggest to their customers the advisability of giving thrift stamps and war savings certificates as holiday gifts.

PHONE 261



HELPING SAMMY SWAT THE KAISER

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

It cost Max Cohen \$15 in police court this morning because he refused to stop his automobile and later to produce his license when Traffic Officer Frank L. Moloney ordered him to do so in Merrimack square on Dec. 7. Cohen was charged with a violation of the city ordinance by failing to stop upon demand of a police officer and upon being found guilty was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and after being found guilty of a violation of the motor vehicle law by failing to produce a license, an additional fine of \$10 was imposed.

According to the testimony offered by Officer Moloney, which was corroborated by two employees of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Cohen came through Prescott street in his machine on the date in question. The officer signalled Cohen to stop, owing to the fact that he had given another vehicle the right of way. Cohen, instead of stopping, kept on going towards Bridge street, and the officer said that he would have been struck by Cohen's machine if he had not jumped out of the way. Officer Moloney ordered Cohen to "back up" but the latter refused to do so. Finally Cohen backed into Prescott street, but stopped his machine on the wrong side of the street. The officer then asked Cohen to produce his license and the latter said that it was too cold to pull it out of his pocket. Cohen was stubborn and upon failure to show his license Officer Moloney requested him to drive over to the police station. He also failed to comply with this demand. Officer Swanwick was called and Cohen was taken to the police station.

MRS. ASTOR OPENS HER HOME TO U.S. OFFICERS

A new photograph of Mrs. Ava Willing Astor who has converted her Lon-



MRS. AVA WILLING ASTOR

don home into an officers' canteen. Mrs. Astor will act as hostess to American officers on leave from the front.



A WARNING FOR MADAM GRUNDY

This young man has lived to the age of 105 by "keeping his nose out of other folks' business." It's John O. Dowd's own recipe for longevity. Take note, you Grundy parsons. Dowd lives in Oregon, where he came 75 years ago from Columbus, O. During that time he has worked as only a happy, two-listed Irishman can (having been born in the County Kerry.) "And now," he says, "I feel like I sort of deserve a rest for the next 25 years. I'm going to put 'em in seeing the sights."

ahead and did so, and when the officer requested him to back his machine he also complied. The court, however, believed the testimony of the arresting officer and two witnesses, and found Cohen guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of \$15.

Other Offenders

John Kahremenis was found guilty of failing to provide for the support of his wife. He was given a suspended sentence of five months in the house of correction on condition that he pay \$5 a week to his wife.

Josephine Cogan entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging her with being drunk. Her case was continued until Saturday.

William Brady, also charged with being drunk, was sentenced to one month in jail.

CHORUS OF 600 WILL SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON BOSTON COMMON TONIGHT

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A chorus of 600 will sing Christmas carols on the common tonight prior to a meeting in Tremont Temple for the benefit of the Armenian-Syrian relief fund. The choristers will march to the temple headed by a group of men in the costume of Syrian shepherds.

CHRISTMAS VACATION IN SOMERVILLE SCHOOLS EXTENDED TO SAVE COAL

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 19.—The Christmas vacation in the public schools of this city will be extended two weeks, in order to conserve coal. The schools will close next Friday until January 14.

FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE

The board of trade recently filed with the municipal council an ordinance in relation to the erection of new buildings in the city, by which certain restrictions are made in an endeavor to prevent serious fires. The ordinance of which a part follows was read at the meeting of the council yesterday and referred to the commissioner of public buildings and the commissioner of fire and water:

No dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house hereafter erected shall occupy either alone or with other buildings more than 50 per cent of a corner lot nor more than 75 per cent of any other lot.

No dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house hereafter erected shall exceed in height the width of the widest street upon which it faces, unless such house be set back from the street a distance at least equal to the excess of such height over the width of such street, but in no event shall a frame building hereafter erected to be used for a dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house exceed 45 feet in height nor

GIRL ACCUSES JOHNSON IN "WHITE SLAVE" CASE

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Called today as the chief witness for the government in the case of John Johnson, a negro, of Charleston, W. Va., charged with violation of the Mann act, Miss Edith Godbey testified that she went from Charleston to Catlettsburg, Ky., to join the defendant at his request and that he had provided her with transportation two days later for the return trip home.

Johnson was indicted by the federal grand jury at Charleston after Gov. McCall had refused to grant a requisition for his return to West Virginia on a state warrant, charging assault on a white girl.

Miss Godbey, after testifying in detail as to her relations with the defendant, stated on cross-examination that she was first asked to testify in the federal proceedings about the time the request for the requisition was refused.

Immediately after the hearing began, Louis Goldberg, assistant United States attorney, presented an amended and more specific complaint for the government, which was accepted without protest.

He then outlined in detail the government's case, declaring that for five years Edith Godbey was in Johnson's power and lived constantly in fear of death at his hands unless she did as he said.

Miss Godbey sat with government counsel and seemed to attract much attention from the large crowd of negroes in the courtroom.

On advice of counsel Johnson de-

clared: "I stand silent," when called upon to plead, and a plea of not guilty was entered by Commissioner Hayes.

Threatened to Kill Her

Miss Godbey frankly told of her relations with Johnson, saying she first met him five years ago at the home of her neighborwoman, where he gave her a drink of whiskey. The next thing she remembered, she testified, she was alone with Johnson and he threatened to kill her if she mentioned it to any person in Charleston. Her relations with the negro continued, she said, until Dec. 1916.

Attacked Her With Knife

The witness testified that Johnson repeatedly attacked her, once with a knife which was broken after the blade was driven into her arm and leg. In November, 1916, she testified, she threatened Johnson with arrest and he promised to leave town. If she would not complain to the police, she agreed, she said, and she next heard from him by letter. Upon its receipt, the young woman said, she went to Catlettsburg, Ky., where Johnson met her and brought her to a house where she stayed that night and the next day.

Ticket Bought by Johnson

Miss Godbey said she returned to Charleston, using a railroad ticket bought for her by Johnson, who sat behind her on the train. Answering a question by Mr. Goldberg, she declared that she was still terrified by the negro and that she gave him \$15, part of which she borrowed and with it he bought a suit of clothes.

Thrift Stamp Loan

Lowell people are responding to the thrift stamp loan of the government in great shape, according to the post-

office officials. Although no definite figures as to just what has been done locally are available, nevertheless, the officials are confident that Lowell is making a very creditable showing.

The agents of the local mills in practically every case have taken out thrift stamps for each of their employees to be presented to the latter as a Christmas gift. Postmaster Meehan says that about 60,000 people here in this city will be given one of the little Liberty booklets as a result of the action on the part of the mill officials.

The department stores are falling into line in this manner also. The postmaster-general has sent out letters to the heads of the various industrial plants in the city, to the department stores and eventually to the pastors of every church in Lowell asking that they encourage the people who come under their jurisdiction to invest in

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FIRE DRIVES SOLDIERS INTO STREETS DRIVER OF LIBERTY MOTOR TRUCK KILLED

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19.—Fire early this morning in the Knights of Columbus hall, State and Sixth streets, drove 200 soldiers into the street half clad. The blaze was discovered in the front part of the building, but did not spread. The army men who are using the building as barracks were able to return for the night. Defective wiring is believed to have caused the fire.

SUGAR DEALERS IN THE WEST SAY ROLPH COMPANY PREVENTED FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Many sugar dealers in the west and middle West today telegraphed Food Administrator Hoover and George M. Rolph of the food administration, that there would have been a sugar famine in their territory during October had not the California-Hawaiian Refining company provided them with cane sugar. It has been charged at the senate sugar investigation that Rolph, president of the California-Hawaiian company, using his official power as director of the sugar division of the food administration, refused to allow 100,000 tons of raw sugar to come east when the shortage was first felt on the Atlantic coast.

BRITISH SHIP ARRIVES AT U.S. PORT WITH 2000 INVALIDED CANADIANS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 19.—Diverted from Halifax because of conditions due to the recent disaster, a British ship bearing more than 2000 Canadian soldiers, invalided home because of wounds or illness, arrived here today. The men will be sent to Canada by rail.

SPANISH SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a submarine of the Spanish steamship *Novembre*, 3654 tons gross, is reported in a despatch from Biarritz to the *Express* quoting advice received there from Bilbao. Thirty of the crew have been landed. They say the ship was torpedoed without warning at night and that they all were thrown into the sea. After swimming about for an hour they were picked up by French patrol ships which put the submarine to flight.

DO NOT PUT LIGHTED CANDLES BEHIND RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG

The Red Cross has withdrawn the Christmas candle suggestion. The lighted candles be placed behind the Red Cross "Service Flags" in windows on Christmas eve, because the national board of fire underwriters says that it would involve a big fire risk. The Red Cross now points out that your flag will be sufficiently displayed if you merely raise the shade or draw the curtains and have the room illuminated.

HOMES OF WEALTHY FAMILIES AT NEWPORT SEARCHED FOLLOWING REPORTS OF HOARDING

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—Homes of many wealthy families at Newport were searched today by United States secret Service Agent Callahan and his men following reports received by the government that great quantities of sugar had been hoarded away. The rumors proved groundless.

PRETTY SOFT

Olaf, battle-scarred Maltese tommy, is heaping coals of fire on his feline enemies. They used to make life a nightmare for him until one day they chased him into the dental office of Dr. R. C. Hoeking of San Francisco. Doe took a shine to the gutter cat, patched up a torn ear, capped his broken teeth with gold, set a diamond or two in 'em and proceeded to make Olaf a gentleman. Now Olaf presides at Red Star cat shows, helping raise funds to take care of the very rowdies who used to run him ragged in the alleys of his youth.

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DIAMONDS

WATCHES—Elgin, Waltham, Hamilton.
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BRACELET WATCHES—Many Styles.
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PLAN TO COMBAT FALSE GARIBALDI'S GRANDSON FOOD RUMORS

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The activity of invisible enemies in circulating vicious, untruthful stories as to shortage of foodstuffs and the alleged commandeering of housekeepers' stores is to be combated by the women's committee of the council of national defense. A meeting is called for this afternoon at 3 in Huntington hall.

"There is a new and highly important task," announces the women's committee, "confronting the women of America, one which if successfully handled may do much toward preventing possible riots and bloodshed. This is the matter of stamping out the many vicious untruthful stories concerning alleged commandeering of the housekeeper's stores by the government and false rumors of shortages of various foodstuffs and other essentials.

"These stories doubtless have their origin in the minds of certain German propagandists, and if allowed to go on unchecked, may work the havoc that is intended among people who are not informed.

"The three latest buying drives, where whole cities have been cleared out of matches, laundry blue and salt, by panicky housewives, can be directly ascribed to some such influence. The federal food administration announces that there is no common agent of these; that the national stock is as large as ever, with no possibility of a shortage with a normal demand by consumers.

"The case of laundry blue is perhaps the most significant. Rumor of a shortage was traced to Jersey City, where it is believed that it had its origin with a group of German agents. It was stated that laundry blue contained Prussian blue, which would soon be unobtainable and this lent strength to the rumor.

"The fact that the buying drives have come in successive waves point to a belief held by the federal food administration that other false rumors may be expected at any time and steps must be taken to nullify these.

Eleven leading women's organizations in the state are behind this movement, with Mrs. George W. Perkins in charge of arrangements. All patriotic women are invited. The chief speaker will be Arthur Fairbrother.

WOMEN SHOULD DO WAR WORK FOR WHICH THEY ARE BEST FITTED

"Women should do the war work for which they are best fitted. It is useless for women to be knitting stockings if they make better clerks or nurses. War work directors should avoid putting square pegs in round holes. Elimination of waste in human force is vital to efficiency and the ultimate winning of the war, and it is my opinion that women will have to be registered and classified in accordance with their ability if they are to render their full worth in war work."

This statement was made by Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, member of the War Relocation Commission, in a report to the committee on women in industry of the advisory commission of the council of national defense. In a report to the committee on women in industry, Mrs. Axtell suggested that women might do much of the work now performed by men at the arsenals. She suggests that they might make and inspect the government uniforms and thus release men engaged in manufacturing them. She believes that they might also make the rope and twine used, and be relied upon for most of the small arms which are made at the arsenals. Mrs. Axtell sees no limit to woman's ability in any of the suggested spheres, and her opinion is given after keen, careful study of the situation from many angles.

"The hazards among the women who are replacing the men in war work will be greater than ever before," said Mrs. Axtell, "and it is most important that women be prepared to do their part. The great problem today is the co-operation of business and government."

The Sun is read daily in more homes in Lowell than any other newspaper.

MAY SEIZE FORTUNES OF THESE COUNTESSSES

Property of these American heiresses—Countess Sigray (above) and Countess Maussfeld (below)—may be seized by the United States unless they



file reports showing that any property they have in America is not helping the enemy. They are American wives of alien nobles. Countess Sigray was formerly Harriet Daly and Countess Maussfeld was formerly Nina Jolain.

GARIBALDI'S GRANDSON ASKS FOR U. S. TROOPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—"We need a regiment of Americans." That is the message of Gen. Giuseppe Garibaldi, grandson of the famous Red Shirt Garibaldi, in command of the brave Alpine brigade which fought furiously to stem the Austro-German drive against Italy.

He says all the Italian army now lacks is a bunch of husky American fighters. They would prove a tremendous inspiration.

Garibaldi, soldier of fortune, became well known in the United States when he entered the services of Francisco I. Madero in Mexico and became his chief of staff and military advisor.

After the overthrow of Diaz he hurried to Greece and fought the Turks in the Balkan war.

When Italy threw her destinies into the allied ranks Garibaldi, his four brothers and his father offered their services to Italy. Another brother had died in the French trenches before Italy declared war.

When the United States entered the conflict the elder Garibaldi offered the services of himself and his five sons to Uncle Sam.

Garibaldi, who has seen U. S. sol-

diers along the Mexican border and who commanded a band of American filibusters in Mexico, knows their worth.

These Americans were always in the front lines with Garibaldi in Mexico. They helped capture Juarez and they bore the brunt of the fighting at Casas Grandes. In both cases they went up against field artillery and machine guns with only their rifles.

That's the reason Giuseppe Garibaldi knows Americans would help the morale of the Italian army—Captain Jack Neville, who served with Garibaldi in Mexico.

BIG BEEKEEPERS' SOCIETY—STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATION TO BE FORMED

Sugar is scarce and honey must be one of the sweetenings to take its place. For this reason beekeeping has leaped into a position of unusual importance in the agriculture of Massachusetts.

The state board of agriculture through its apitary inspection service is making every effort to promote honey production, both through the suppression of disease and advertising the use of Massachusetts honey. This campaign is under direct charge of Dr. Burton N. Gates, state inspector of apiculture, Amherst, Mass., and at the public winter meeting of the state board of agriculture at Worcester in January, Mr. E. R. Root, the bee expert from Medina, Ohio, will come on to address the farmers and beekeepers of the state on "The importance of

Honey Production." The meeting will be held in the ball room of the Hotel Bancroft at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, January 3. Previous to this, at 1:30 o'clock in Horticultural hall there will be a big meeting of all interested in beekeepers' societies. At present there are several local beekeepers' societies, the Berkshire county, Worcester county, Massachusetts, eastern Massachusetts, Hampshire, Hampden & Franklin, and Lawrence. These societies are doing good work but their efficiency can be greatly increased if they are federated into a state-wide body.

In connection with the meetings there will be a splendid exhibit of honey and apitary appliances.

Meetings are open to the public.

UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE TO HAVE FARM LABOR AGENT

That the federal and state authorities recognize that the farm labor situation is a serious one is shown by the fact that a farm labor agent has been appointed for every state in the Union. The representative for Massachusetts will be Mr. D. W. O'Brien of Wayland and his headquarters will be at the office of the state board of agriculture, 136 State House, Boston.

Mr. O'Brien is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural college,

and since graduation has been agricultural instructor in the Loomis high school and in the Boston school department. Mr. O'Brien's work will be to relieve the farm labor situation in every way possible. He will act as a clearing house for farmers desiring farm help and men looking for farm jobs, and stands ready to co-operate with every other agency in the state in placing farm labor where it will do the most good and bring the most results in increasing farm production.

Mr. O'Brien is planning to make a labor survey of the farms of the state early in January, in co-operation with the county agents and the Agricultural college, in order to find out exactly what help is needed and where.

Farmers desiring help are urged to write to D. W. O'Brien, Farm Labor Agent, 136 State House, Boston.

made subject to the excess profits tax of 8 per cent, in an amendment offered yesterday by Congressman Dillon of South Dakota to the bill putting salaries of members under the tax. The amendment was adopted 40 to 54. The bill was passed, 308 to 1.

Congressman Longworth of Ohio endeavored to make the tax ineffective for salaried men and men in business with no invested capital. His amendment was defeated 85 to 56. The tax is to be applied on salaries in excess of \$6000.

MISS TITTINGTON HONORED

Miss Minnie Tittington, an employee of the bullet department of the U. S. Cartridge Co., was tendered a banquet by about sixty of her friends

at Page's dining hall last night and during the course of the evening was presented a purse of gold. The presentation speech being made by Albert Kinnon. The following entertainment program was carried out: Songs: Martin Maguire, Edward Donohoe, Albert Kinnon, Marietta McMahon and Mrs. Julia Chapin, and readings by Miss Patterson, Miss Annie Mone was the accompanist of the evening. Those in charge were Miss Louise Rogers and Mrs. Julia Chapin.

The valve of a whale's blowhole is a more perfect structure than it is possible to imagine. Day and night, asleep or awake, the whale works his breathing apparatus in such a manner that not a drop of water ever gets down into its lungs.

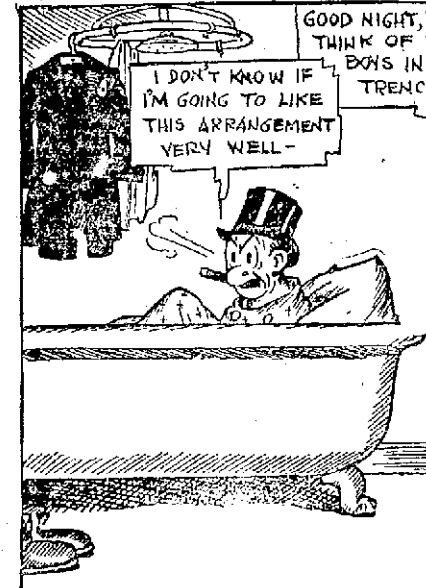
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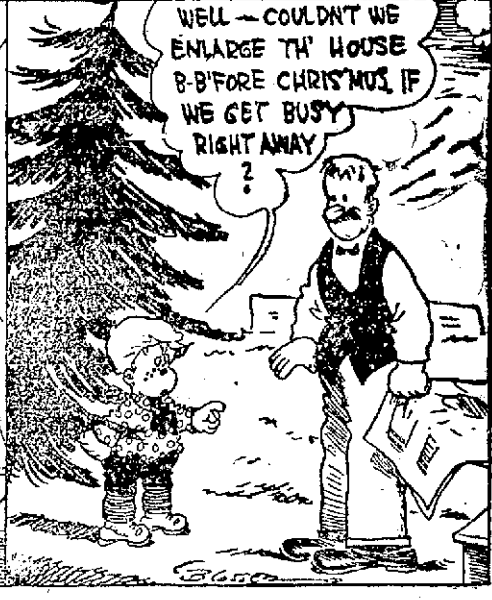
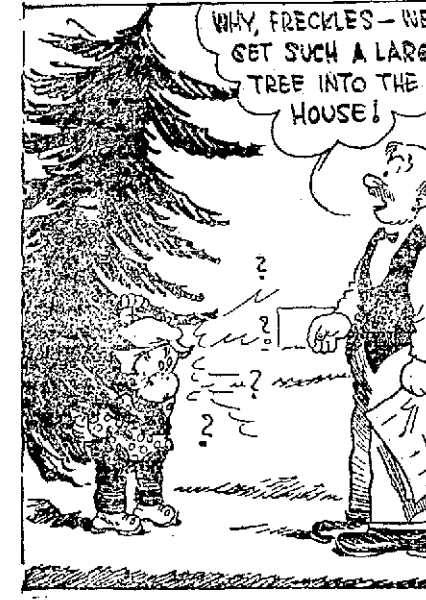
NEW BALM FOR THE SAVAGE BEAST

Charitable impulses cannot withstand the nerve strain of woezy discord. This curious fact has been discovered by the blind street troubadours of San Francisco, who rely upon public-benefactions, and they have been quick to take advantage of it. They have substituted the phonograph for the old grind organ, finding that donations have more than doubled. The records range from "jazz" frenzies to the purest classics, and the musicians have developed an instinctive faculty for playing the right selection at the right time. Note the signs on this blind man's music box.

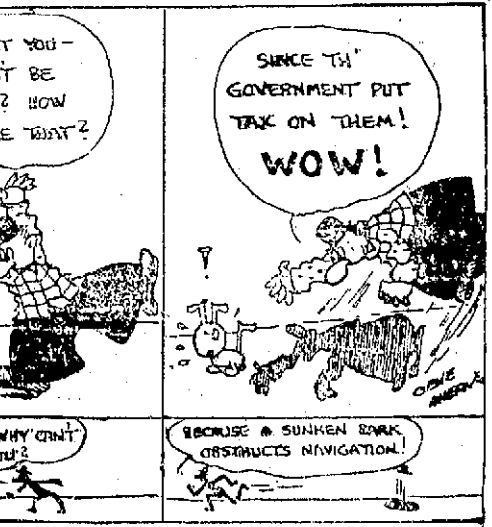
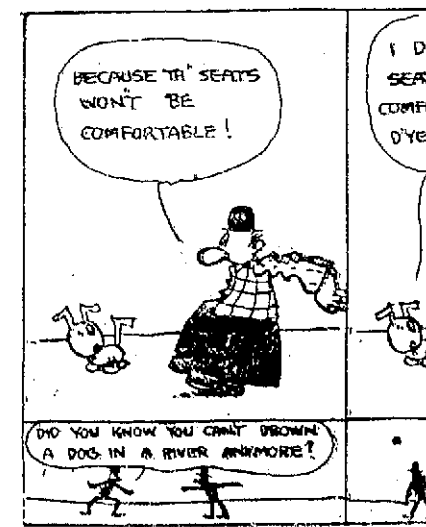
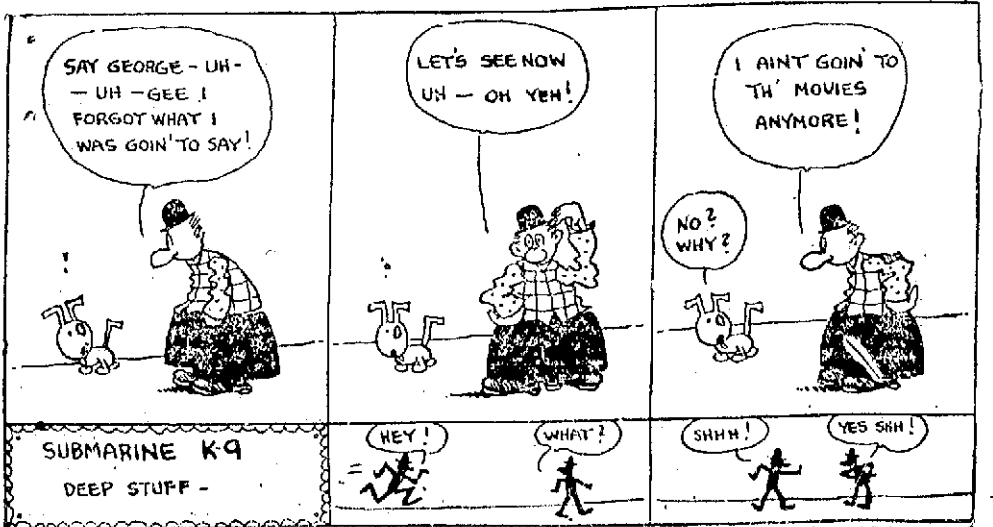
BEDS ARE SCARCE IN WASHINGTON



GEE! HE DON'T WANT MUCH, DOES HE?



QUICK, WATSON! THE NEEDLE!



19 LIVES LOST IN U. S. NAVAL COLLISION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog on Monday afternoon.

The F-3 was undamaged and picked up five survivors of her victim. Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late yesterday in a brief statement, which gave no further details.

Commander of F-1 Saved

Lieut. A. E. Montgomery, commanding officer of the F-1, was among the five saved. His mother, Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt, lives at Fort H. G. Wright, New York.

Other survivors are: J. M. Schmittsauer, machinist; father, Charles C. Schmittsauer, Hills City, Tenn.

Henry L. Brown, gunner's mate; father, H. P. Brown, Macon, Ga.

Joseph J. Burns, chief gunner's mate; wife, San Pedro, Calif.

John J. Stewart, ship's cook; mother, Mrs. Celia B. Campbell, Huron, S. D.

List of Men Lost

The list of those lost was announced by the navy department as follows:

John R. Belt, seaman; mother, Mrs. J. E. Belt, Sillsbee, Tex.

Frank Bernard, machinist's mate; sister, Abella Quintal, Oakland, Calif.

William L. Cartwright, seaman; mother, Amanda Cartwright, Fresno, Calif.

Harry L. Corson, chief electrician; next of kin, Hazel M. Corson, Long Beach, Calif.

James Goonan, chief gunner's mate; mother, Mrs. Minnie McClure, Lima, O.

Simon Greenberg, electrician, first class; mother, Sophia Greenberg, Philadelphia.

Dudley Stough, chief gunner's mate; wife, Marie Stough, Vallejo, Calif.

Charles P. Vincent, electrician; father, Philip S. Vincent, Exeter, Calif.

Thomas A. Walsh, machinist's mate; mother, Mrs. Anna O'Brien, Hillyard, Wash.

Clyde W. Wyatt, machinist's mate; mother, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Venice, Calif.

Edward E. Hall, machinist's mate; wife, West Seattle.

Ray D. Scott, electrician; wife, Vallejo, Calif.

Albert J. Smith, machinist's mate; sister, Florence S. Stebbins, Merced, Calif.

Guy R. Stewart, chief machinist's mate; father, Grant Stewart, Los Angeles.

Lyman F. Lovely, machinist's mate; father, Lyman Lovely, Denver.

Ralph C. McClure, electrician; mother, Mrs. Josephine McClure, Detroit.

Duncan A. McKee, electrician; sister, Margaret McKee, El Paso, Wash.

John P. Messinger, chief machinist's mate; wife, Philadelphia.

Grover E. Metz, machinist's mate; wife, San Francisco.

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TROLLEY SERVICE HIBERNATES

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.—

"It hibernates, so to speak, during the winter, doesn't it?" suggested Commissioner Russell to Edwin S. Vining of Billerica, during a hearing before the public service commission today on the question of trolley service on the Billerica-Wilmington route of the Bay State road.

Mr. Vining, who is superintendent of the Billerica schools, assented to Commissioner Russell's suggestion.

Russell's remark followed upon a declaration of Mr. Vining that the old Billerica line had been a corpse during the past two weeks and that consequently any Billerica resident who had to reach the town by its silvery lake.

Wilmingtonians, on the other hand, would have to adopt the same mode of locomotion if they would reach the company's headquarters.

Superintendent Vining told the commission that the 35 schoolchildren affected by the discontinuance would have to be transported to their destinations by automobiles or other vehicles if the trolley service was suspended.

Questioned by Chairman Russell, he said that the revenue going to the Bay State through schoolchildren's transportation amounted to \$300 yearly.

Although the company had agreed to give him ample notification of any discontinuance of service, it had informed him of the present suspension less than 24 hours before it took place.

H. C. Barrows, selectman of Wilmington, informed the commission that no agreement had been arrived at between the company and the town he represented.

F. H. Alexander of Billerica, said that the company had agreed to make some definite proposition on continuing trolley service, but that no such proposition had come from them.

Mr. Alexander told of having made a canvass of the territory through which the line runs with the result that all the residents expressed a willingness to pay double fares and even payment of the excise and franchise tax of the Bay State in their district.

Despite the fact that it had been stated by representatives of the town that no conference had been held with the Bay State officials, General Manager Robert S. Coff of the company maintained that two conferences had taken place, but that no agreement had been reached.

The Billerica-Wilmington route of the absolute deadweight of his company, Mr. Coff contended, and even though Billerica and Wilmington residents assumed the taxation burden and paid double fares, their patronage would not nearly be sufficient to make the route to any degree a paying one.

Expenses for a year totalled \$5,000, he explained, whereas the revenue reached only \$1,200. In his opinion the line should be discontinued.

The commission took the question under consideration.

NEWLY ELECTED K. OF C. OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED TOMORROW EVENING

The final meeting of the year of Bishop Delany, General Assembly, 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will be held tomorrow evening and will be signaled by a visit from

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COMPLIMENTARY DANCE AT CAMP DEVENS

A complimentary dance will be conducted in one of the Y.M.C.A. buildings at Camp Devens tomorrow evening by the members of Company C, Machine Gun battalion, and the affair promises to be an occasion of rare enjoyment for all who will attend.

The arrangement for the event are in the hands of Private Ernest Bechard, who has spared nothing to supply an excellent program.

It is expected that Commissioner James E. Donnelly and about 50 other entertainers of Lowell will be present to entertain the troops.

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U-BOAT CHASER PATTERNS LOST

\$100,000 Fire of Unknown Origin In Plant Engaged In War Work

Federal Authorities to be Asked to Conduct Investigation

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Valuable patterns for the manufacture of special equipment for British, French and Italian submarine chasers were destroyed early today in a fire of undetermined origin which ruined much of the manufacturing plant of George H. Thatcher Co. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The owners have signified their intention of requesting an investigation by federal authorities.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Demands for wage increases of from 10 to 40 per cent. today were submitted to vote of 75,000 locomotive firemen on railroads in the United States. Instructions sent to the firemen say that the vote is not on the question of a strike.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—On account of the fire hazard and danger to life, the national board of underwriters has issued a warning against the suggestion made by headquarters of the American Red Cross that lighted candles be placed in windows behind Red Cross flags on Christmas eve as a stimulus in the campaign for ten million new members.

"The combination of lighted candles and home windows as ordinarily dressed," a statement from the board says, "is about as safe as the proverbial match and gunpowder barrel."

George S. Fowler, business manager of the Red Cross, has sent telegrams to all chapters of the Red Cross throughout the country, urging that the warning of the national board be heeded.

The telegram suggests that curtains be taken down, shades raised and only the lights of the room used for the proposed illumination.

EVANS FOR STATE LIBRARIAN

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Lawrence Boyd Evans of Medford, a lawyer, was nominated for state librarian today by Gov. McCall to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Foster W. Stearns.

Commissioned a lieutenant in

Unsettled and warmer to-
night; Thursday fair; light
east to south winds.

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LOWELL MASS. WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19 1917

PRICE ONE CENT

RED CROSS WORKERS WILL MEET THIS EVENING

The Red Cross campaign workers are asked to report at Memorial hall this evening, and to bring in all the names of new members which they may have secured up to that time. The committee desires to have all the names in by 8 o'clock at the latest, and workers are advised to be on hand by 7.30. There will be nothing of a formal nature about the meeting. It is desired merely to have as complete a report as possible of the progress which the campaigners have made to date.

The name of every new member of the Red Cross which is obtained in the present campaign has to be cataloged, indexed and treated to a number of other operations, and one reason why a lot of names should come in this evening is that this will avoid a grand rush the last few days of the campaign.

The names of the new members are being entered on a regular card system at the Red Cross headquarters in Market street, and a large force of stenographers is busy doing this work. Mrs. Clarence A. Bowen, in

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10 KILLED, 70 INJURED IN AIR RAID ON LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication in regard to casualties was given out: "Last night's air raid casualties were: Ten killed and 70 injured in London; only five injured outside London. Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

German Plane Brought Down

LONDON, Dec. 18.—One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announced. From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

There is reason to believe another raider dropped into the English channel, says the report.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a

height of 13,000 feet.

After the main attacks of the raiders ceased a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock.

All the British machines which went up to engage the raiders have returned safely.

Complete reports of the damage and casualties have not been received, it is announced.

The raider known definitely to have been destroyed was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three were captured by an armed trawler.

British Air Raid

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The successful bombing by British naval aircraft of the Engel airbase, behind the German lines in Flanders, is announced in today's admiralty statement. The text reads:

"Naval aircraft dropped bombs which burst close to the sheds and on the ammunition dump and railway sidings at the Engel airbase on Tuesday. One of our aircraft was brought down ablaze and one out of control. All of our machines returned safely."

WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY FRENCH CRUISER SUNK; 10 LOST

Leo LeBlanc, of 115 Salem street, left Lowell this morning for the devastated city of Halifax where he is to become a member of the Manchester regiment of the British forces. LeBlanc enlisted at the local war work headquarters. He will spend three or four weeks in Halifax and then will be sent "over there" with his regiment.

Stuart J. Healey, one of the members of the British and Canadian recruiting mission now in Lowell, told an interesting anecdote of the Halifax catastrophe this morning. Maj. G. Walkley

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The old French cruiser Chateau-Renaud, employed as a transport, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of Dec. 14 and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to announcement made tonight by the French minister of marine. The passengers on the Chateau-Renaud, all of whom were either soldiers or officers, were saved. Ten members of the crew were lost.

The French cruiser Chateau-Renaud was laid down in 1896. She was 442 feet long, with a beam of 55.7 feet and displaced 7838 tons. Her complement before the war was 600 men. Besides being used as a cruiser formerly the Chateau-Renaud had been fitted as a mine layer.



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Youth's Path to Success

A little book entitled "Youth's Path to Success," by E. J. Gallagher, is just out and is on sale at Prince's and Pollard's. Price, 50 cents. It is a condensation of the principles of success, of physical and ethical culture couched in simple verse. It should be judged by the contents, not by the cover.

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There is only one recipe for happiness—make someone else happy and the little Elf of Happiness will occupy the guest chamber of your memory for many a day.
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If you buy early, and by your act and influence, light the tension drawn almost to the breaking point in the nervous system of the girls, women, boys and men who, over-tired and patience-worn, serve the multitudes of Christmas shoppers, you will surely receive the reciprocity gift of many throbbing hearts thankful for your Christmas spirit of human kindness.

Impossible to Make Ordnance Dept. Realize Possibility of War Last February

Louis E. Stoddard Testifies at Army Inquiry — Delay in Producing Rifles Explained — New American Rifle Superior to British Enfield

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It was impossible last February to make the ordnance department realize the possibility of war, according to the testimony of Louis E. Stoddard, vice president of the Marlin corporation, before the senate military committee today.

In February, he said, on verbal orders from Rear Admiral Barlow, work on 5000 machine guns was begun. He went to Col. Rice at the army ordnance bureau, he said, and offered to begin work on guns for the army in anticipation of war.

"We're not interested," was Colonel Rice's reply, Mr. Stoddard said, adding:

"It was utterly impossible to make the ordnance department realize the possibility of war, and we simply folded out tents and went home."

Before the war began, Stoddard said, he offered to sell machine guns to the department for \$500 each, but it was rejected. Since, under orders

placed, the contract cost was twice that sum.

Delivery of the new light Browning guns for airplanes under an order given by the war department three weeks ago is expected to begin this month, Stoddard said.

"The new Browning gun," he said, "absolutely is the best ever invented."

If the war department, when asked for orders last February, had given them, Stoddard added, by today 40,000 Colt machine guns could have been delivered.

"The ordnance bureau simply wouldn't listen, wouldn't give any orders," he said.

Delay in producing the modified Enfield rifles because of the war department's negotiations was explained by Vice President Otterson of the Winchester Co. Negotiations began last April, he said, and contracts were not let until July 12. Deliveries began in August.

Henry S. Kimball, president of the Remington Co., also testified about

contracts for Enfields being withheld

until July. It was October, he said, before necessary machinery changes could be made.

Mr. Kimball disclaimed any implication that appropriations delayed production and said negotiations by the war department were promptly begun. If the department had not decided to modify the British Enfield type, he said, his firm could have turned out the British type virtually without delay, but both he and Vice President Tyler of the same company said the new American rifle was superior, largely due to its ability to use much better American cartridges.

Both manufacturers declared it a "very wise move" to adopt the new type, notwithstanding the delay in production.

After the manufacture of rifles began, Mr. Otterson testified, Col. Thompson of the ordnance bureau wanted to delay production several months by insisting on new standards, but the manufacturers appealed to General Crozier, chief of the bureau, and went ahead with the work.

Austro-Germans Strike at Two New Points on the Italian Line

On the Italian front the Austro-Germans persist in strong efforts to find a weak point in the Italian defense and through it to rush south to the Venetian plains. Checked east of the Brenna last week, the invaders, despite the heavy losses inflicted upon them by the Italians, have struck at two new points on the line between Asiago and the Piave.

Berlin Claims Success

Monte Solarolo, between the Brenna and the Piave, has become the center of fighting in this sector. Berlin claims the capture of some Italian positions there and the repulse of Italian counter-attacks. Vigorous attacks in this region, Rome says, were repulsed by the defenders. West of the Brenna the Austro-Germans have attacked in the mountain region and Berlin says more than 2000 prisoners were taken.

No Change on French Front

There has been no change on the front in France. Infantry fighting has not increased and the artillery continues to be active in certain sectors.

Haig Makes Changes in Staff

Field Marshal Haig, the London Times says, is making important changes in his headquarters staff. The British commander-in-chief in France has made virtually no changes since he took over the command from Viscount French.

Air Raid on London

London and English coast towns again have been visited by German raiders. Numerous bombs were dropped on London and in Essex and Kent by enemy airplanes which crossed the coast early Tuesday morning. British airplanes met the enemy in the air and the anti-aircraft defenses subjected him to heavy fire. The casualties and damage caused have not been announced.

The Russian Situation

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister to demand of the central powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and "on the principle of self-determination of nations."

Trotsky is reported to have invited allied participation on the threat that treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged. Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still are lacking.

French Cruiser Sunk

The old French cruiser Chateau-Renaud was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Friday and the submarines which attacked her also was destroyed. The cruiser was being used as a transport and carried 70 passengers, all of whom were rescued.

Ten members of the crew of the cruiser which displaced 7838 tons, were lost.

French Beat Off Germans

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Two attempts by the Germans to approach French positions in the Argonne last night were defeated with losses, the war office announced today. The communication follows:

"The enemy's artillery during the night bombarded our first line south

of Juvincourt and in the Argonne, at Four de Paris. Our batteries replied effectively. At the latter point enemy forces which made two attempts to approach our positions were repulsed with losses."

"In Lorraine in the sectors of Poiry and Naumery, our patrollers took prisoners, including an officer."

"Last night German aviators threw down 50 bombs in the region of Dun-kirk. No victims have been reported thus far."

CHRISTMAS MAIL PROBLEM

Postmaster John P. Meehan this noon sent out an appeal to the people of Lowell and the surrounding towns who are expecting to mail Christmas gifts to places beyond Lowell to get them in the mail this evening—if possible. If not, the first thing tomorrow morning. The local office is very desirous of handling the mail as expeditiously as possible, and the sooner the packages are dropped into the local office the better chance they will have of reaching their ultimate destination by Christmas day.

As for local mail matter, the postmaster says that practically the same rules apply. "As soon as possible—if not sooner," is the best time to get on local trips.

If conditions warrant it, Postmaster Meehan said this noon, a delivery of mail will be made in this city next Sunday. This will be the first time that a mail delivery has been made in Lowell on a Sunday, but the post-

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REGRETS LAW PREVENTS SHOOTING I.W.W. MAN

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 18.—Joseph Selzer, an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was fined \$1000 and given one year in jail by Judge Milo P. Smith in the county court today.

"It pleases me to impose this sentence upon you," said Judge Smith to the prisoner. "I regret that the law did not permit me to order you stood up against a wall and shot."

HEADQUARTERS FOR FRUITS AND CANDIES FOR CHRISTMAS

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COAL SUPPLY SAVES CUT IN CAR SERVICE

It was reported today that because of the extreme shortage of coal the Massachusetts Northeastern street railway would not run any late cars between here and Haverhill, beginning this evening. This would affect the Pelham line. It was arranged that the last car to leave Lowell this afternoon to connect with Haverhill would be 4.45 o'clock, and the last car to leave Merrimack square for Pelham, 6.45 o'clock.

There was nothing wrong with the report when it was given out, but an hour or two later the government, or one of its fuel committees, came to the rescue of the Massachusetts Northeastern with a supply of coal, and at about 3.30 o'clock word was received from Haverhill that on account of the new coal supply no change would be made in the schedule between this city and Haverhill.

FIRE AT NEW BEDFORD

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 18.—Fire did extensive damage to the interior of the old Friends meeting house here today. The blaze started from an overheated furnace in the basement of the building. The meeting house was one of the landmarks of this section. The police estimated the damage at \$2000.

ROBERTS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER OF HIS WIFE AT BRIDGEPORT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 18.—William W. Roberts, charged with the murder of his wife at Stratford last July, was found guilty of murder in the second degree in the superior court today. The sentence fixed by statute is life imprisonment.

MORE QUESTIONNAIRES

Division 4 exemption board today sent out questionnaires to the registrants in that division whose order numbers were between 301 and 400. The other boards sent out their regular five per cent. of the questionnaires today also.

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MUMPS and BUMPS

are catching; it's the same way with Lowell Thrift Club enlistments. We had the proprietor of one of Lowell's best barber shops' call on Tuesday. He asked for and received a bunch of signature cards. He said his customers asked so many questions concerning Thrift Club, that "it was easier to show them."

This master barber is able to demonstrate for he was a member of the 1917 Thrift Club.

A true statement. Attest: C. L. Knapp, Treas.

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DANIELS AND BRITTEN IN TIFF AT NAVY INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Before the house naval sub-committee today Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy had been doing, avoiding, as he explained, disclosing any facts that would be of value to the enemy. He told how the navy was now building 424 capital and other important ships.

Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as a necessity and there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a weapon for permanent effectiveness.

Naval aviation, he said, has made gratifying strides, but has been hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities.

He praised the co-ordination between the personnel of the navy and the personnel of the allies.

One great problem, he said, was to furnish gun crews to merchant ships.

"We made these reserve ships a school for gunners," he said, "and the efficiency with which these officers have taken hold of the young men and made the young men efficient is really one of the big things of the navy in this war."

"When you come to write the story of the war one of the most thrilling chapters will be regarding these young men who went in the merchant ships and risked their lives. I refer to those who went on our own merchant ships, of course. We have put guns on every ship going into submarine war zones that requests it."

"We are rather proud of the way the navy has met the actual test of war."

Petty and Small Business

Secretary Daniels said he did not believe "mess gossip" should be "banded about."

"If Admiral Sims," he added, "is not getting everything that is needed it is a matter for operations to say whether he should have it. Operations has spent itself giving all that Admiral Sims needs that the department has. I think this is very petty and small business."

Admiral Sims has made no complaint. He asked for some particular man to go over there who could not be sent because of other duties. There is a perfect understanding between Admiral Sims and the department."

I am glad for congress and the public to know somewhat of our activities. A taking stock, so to speak, cannot fail to bring ways for still further improvement."

Most Contractors Patriotic

Secretary Daniels said that most contractors had been fair and patriotic. He added:

"There have been a few we had to take by the nape of the neck; they came in saying they wanted to do their bit, but really wanted to bite."

Representative Britten asked what complaints had been made to the navy department by Vice Admiral Sims.

"I think that is not a proper question to ask," said Secretary Daniels.

"I will say, though, in as much as the question has been asked in open session, that Admiral Sims has been given everything that the navy has that it could give."

CATHOLIC PASTORS DEFEND CITY'S GOOD NAME

The following letter from the local Catholic pastors bears testimony to the excellent moral conditions prevailing in Lowell and defends the reputation of our city and our soldiers against the sensational reports that represent Lowell as a center of immorality. The letter:

"We, the Catholic pastors of Lowell, having under our spiritual guidance more than half the total population, feel it a solemn duty to protest emphatically against the malicious slanders scattered broadcast against the good name of our city."

By reason of our position, and with a thorough knowledge of conditions, we refuse to stand by and allow our city to be catalogued as a center of immorality. From close observation, in all parts of the city, we are proud not only to testify to the excellent moral spirit of our visiting soldiers, and the earnest endeavor of all our citizens to co-operate in making the said soldiers worthy representatives and sturdy defenders of our country, but also to affirm that the moral condition of our city, always excellent, was never better than at the present time. We, therefore, deeply regret that

these false and unfounded impressions, the work of malicious sensationalists, should have gained such currency, and we feel it our duty to vindicate this manifesto, the good name of Lowell and her soldiers. Sincerely, Rt. Rev. Mgr. William O'Brien, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Rev. John J. Shaw, Pastor of St. Michael's Church.

Rev. D. J. Kelleher, Ph. D., Pastor of St. Peter's Church.

Rev. John B. Labossiere, Pastor of St. Louis' Church.

Rev. L. E. O'Brien, O.M.I., Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Rev. P. J. Italy, Pastor of St. Columba's Church.

Rev. J. P. Flynn, O.M.I., Pastor of the Sacred Heart Church.

Rev. L. Lamotte, O.M.I., Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Rev. C. J. Galligan, Pastor of St. Margaret's Church.

Rev. E. Turcotte, O.M.I., Pastor of St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Rt. Rev. Bishop H. J. R. Da Silva, D.D., Pastor of St. Anthony's Church.

Rev. A. Quinlan, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

Rev. John Olechnowicz, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

TO ERECT MONUMENT TO AMERICANS IN FRANCE

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Citizens of Lorraine, France, will erect a monument to the memory of Corp. James B. Gresham, of Evansville, Ind., and Privates Merle D. Hay of Glendon, Iowa, and Thomas F. Enright of Pittsburg, who were the first of the American expeditionary force to enter France, according to a letter received yesterday by Mayor Joseph C. Armstrong of this city, from the prefect of the village near which the Americans were buried. The letter says:

"All three fell facing the enemy, devotees of duty, sons worthy of your grand and noble country."

"I salute them in their death. I salute them in the name of the people of Lorraine, in the person of their chiefs, their valiant comrades, in whose midst died those first three heroes of this grand war of independence."

"This is indeed a war of independence, which sustains today our allied nations. It behooves us to free ourselves, to free the world from the most formidable powers of oppression which the genius of evil has ever created."

"Those three young men have fought and died for the right, for liberty, for civilization, against German imperialism, a shame and a menace to humanity. Their names will not be forgotten."

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RED CROSS SAVES LIVES OF STARVING BABIES



Special to The Sun
BEHIND THE FRENCH LINES IN FRANCE. (By mail.)—Women of America, do you want to do something really worth while for France in this war?
Then interest yourself in some poor, sick, homeless French baby.
Get in touch with your American Red Cross and tell them you want to sew for and help dress an unfortunate little whose father has been killed in the trenches and whose mother daily struggles against overwhelming odds to keep body and soul together.
There are thousands of such children in the war zones.
Near Toul, only a few miles behind the French front, hundreds of children ranging in age from six months up to 11 years, have been gathered to-

French refugee children being outfitted with warm clothing by American Red Cross women behind the French lines in France. The baby in the picture below is getting its first bath in the same refugee station. That's what Red Cross is doing for the tiny victims of Hun ruthlessness.

gether in a Red Cross institution and for the first time since the beginning of the war they are receiving proper food, housing, clothing, medical attention and schooling.

Dr. J. P. Sedgwick of Minneapolis, famous specialist in children's diseases, was sent into the war zone by the Red Cross to see what should be done.

He gathered around him a staff of specialists, among whom are Dr. J. I. Durand of Seattle, Wash., Dr. N. O. Pearce of Minneapolis, Dr. Alice Brown of Winnetka, Ill., Madame Delebeque of Chicago and Miss Bessie Spanner of Cleveland.

"We literally pulled these poor children out of the dark, dumb, unclean caves and cellars constantly under bombardment by German guns and airplanes," said Dr. Sedgwick.

"It is well worth all the money and effort we are putting into the enterprise to see the little things blossom and improve under proper care."

There's tiny Julia, for example. The day Julia was born, 18 months ago, her father was fighting in the first line trenches not 20 miles from his home village.

A French army doctor ushered Julia into the world in a bombproof dugout constructed in the yard behind the shattered walls of the family home.

That same night the mother learned that her husband was dead.
For nearly 15 months the mother and baby eked out a miserable existence in their cave-home, ill-nourished, with hardly enough clothing to cover them, terrified night and day by the German shells.
Then one day the Americans came along and persuaded the mother that Julia would be better off in the children's refuge station behind the lines.
Today, little Julia, is getting fat and rosy. She no longer cries from fright at sudden noises.
"I gave Julia her first bath here," said Miss Bessie Spanner of Cleveland. "It was the first she had had in months."
School instruction begins for the tots as soon as they are two years old.
The other day a mother from a shell-swept village brought her two-year-old baby to the station.
"I can't keep her at home with me any longer," she said. "I have to run to the cave so often that I'm exhausted from carrying her."
Another mother, always comes at night.
"The German sharpshooters try to get me every time I stick my head out of doors. I have to dig my potatoes at night and wear a gas mask while I work."
It is the children of such mothers who comprise the population of the refuge station. In caring for them the Red Cross is doing a noble work, which should be encouraged by all American women at home. Instead of one such station there is need for scores.
C. C. LYON.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A real patriotic note is contained in the "musical Muse" which Tom Brown's Highlanders bring forward as the headline feature at the B. F. Keith Theatre, this week. The national anthems of all nations are played by the kilted lads and lassies, and as each one's notes sound forth the flag of the nation appears. The act is one of much song and nature, and it holds the real Scottish flavor to it. Eddie Dowling, the international comedian, is a prime favorite on the bill. Dowling is genuinely funny in a new way. "Crabberies" an unusual comedy that holds much of sparkle to it. It will give pleasure to many, and Angel, Aldwell & Miller mix comedy and patriotism successfully. Other acts on the bill are: Trennell Trio, in circus stunts, and the Whites, a dancing duo. The Hearst-Pathe pictures give the first views from Halifax. The picture feature of the week is "The Cinderella Man," with Mae Marsh in the principal role. It is a hit.

OPERA HOUSE

"Playthings," Sidney Toier's greatest success of recent years, which is being so cleverly interpreted by the New Emerson players at the Opera House this week, stands out as one of the best efforts of any local stock company in many seasons. The play itself is unusually interesting and its treatment by the players could hardly be improved. The cast includes several interesting characters that are taken from real life, and when intermingled so pleasantly in the recital of events that progress through three acts can not help but please immensely. Crowd- ed houses at every performance testify to the general satisfaction which the play is giving.

There is a touch of good humor in the lines and action, to which Arthur De Lord, the clever juvenile man comedian, who is forever figuring out inventions for the benefit of mankind, Mr. De Lord is certainly amusing. Miss Gladys McLeod, never looked more girlish or charming than she does this week, while Miss Rotoli and Miss Hall are also excellently cast. Douglas Dumbrie and Jerome Kennedy are good, and Claude Kimball and Robert

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THE STRAND

Thousands of local picture lovers who have visited The Strand to see Miss June Elvidge in her latest release, "The Tenth Case," have been truly delighted with the offering, partly because of the popularity of the charming young actress who is portraying the leading role, and partly because of the unusually good story attached to the presentation. It is interesting to contrast Miss Elvidge as she was seen during her recent visit to Lowell in person, and as she appears on the screen. The other feature is William Farnum in "The Heart of a Lion."

For the week-end, beginning with matinee on Thursday, Emily Wehlen, assisted by Herbert Hayes, who is well known locally will appear in "The Outsider," one of the most attractive vehicles this pair has appeared in. The piece deals in beauty and thrills. Seldom have such magnificent scenes been photographed in connection with a screen drama. "A Branded Soul," with Gladys Rockwell in the leading part is a legend of St. Cecilia, modernized with a new Mack-Sennett Keystone comedy, a new Travelogue and a Strand Revue. The musical features are always good.

NATIONAL PRIZES AWARDED CHILDREN FOR THEIR WORK IN FOOD SAVING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In co-operation with the Mass. Agricultural College and the Hampden County Improvement league, the National Emergency Food Garden Commission today awarded thirteen cash prizes of \$5 each and thirteen national certificates of merit to girls and boys in Massachusetts who made the best records in food saving.
The commission made the awards following contests supervised by Robert P. Trask, county club leader, whose headquarters are at 244 Main street, Springfield. A check of \$5 and the

certificate of merit were sent to each of the following:
Marion Barnes, West Springfield; Florence Danten, Springfield; William Spooner, Springfield; Leonore Kenworthy, Haverhill; Julia Hiamant, Last Long Meadow; Louise Hawley, Agawam; Delcema Quimby, Ludlow; Myrtle Piles, Wilbraham; Ruth Brodeur, Springfield; Laura Miller, Tolland; Lella Nash, Chicopee; Esther Shaw, Palmer; Laura Wetherell, Brimfield.

"The Bay State has a chance to do even greater things," said Charles Lathrop Park, the president of the commission. "You must remember there are 25 million people in New England and every one of them available to agriculture must be put to work."

According to the report of Mr. Trask to P. S. Eisdale, the secretary of the commission, this work of the Home Achievement clubs is the best ever done in the state and even "greater plans are now being made for greater results next year."

MAYOR O'DONNELL WANTS MAYOR-ELECT THOMPSON ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson has been invited by Mayor James E. O'Donnell to become a member of the executive committee of the Lowell public safety committee. The letter by the mayor to the mayor-elect follows: December 17, 1917.

Hon. Perry D. Thompson, mayor-elect, Lowell, Mass.
My friend, Mr. Thompson: As chairman of the executive committee of the Lowell public safety committee I give you my great pleasure to invite you to become a member of the executive committee as that body will need your services during the ensuing year. I am deeply grateful to you for the valuable work performed by you as a member of the general committee and hope that you will find it convenient to accept the duties as a member of the executive board.

Have the outbreak of the war in the spring of 1917, appreciative of the unusual situation created by the war as regards our soldiers and their dependents and living conditions at home, decided that the best interests of the community as a whole would be better conserved by the appointment of a committee of capable citizens not identified with the city government

with full power to deal with the situation in all of its various phases. I created a committee, accordingly, of which you are a member and am proud to state that its work has been most complete and beneficial.

It will be necessary for this committee to continue its activities for the duration of the war in order to carry on with success the great work already started. I feel that, not only by virtue of the office which you are about to assume but from the personal enthusiasm shown by you in the work as a member of the general committee, your place henceforth should be on the executive committee, and therefore respectfully invite you to accept a place thereon.

Hoping that you may consider this favorably and with repeated best wishes for a happy and prosperous administration, I have the honor to be, respectfully yours,
James E. O'Donnell, Mayor of Lowell.

"MAN WHO CALLS FOR MEAT ON FISH DAYS ISN'T WITH US," SAYS ENDICOTT

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—According to Food Administrator Henry H. Endicott, any man "who calls for meat on Tuesday or Friday isn't with us." Furthermore, Mr. Endicott is anxious for all such to know just what he thinks of them. Recently a member of a well known club complained to Mr. Endicott that there were certain cases where individuals refused to abide by the request of the food administration, and insisted upon having meat served to them on the fish days, so called.

"If any member of your club," writes Mr. Endicott, "asks for meat of any kind on Tuesday or Friday will you please explain to them that it is by my request that none is to be served. After explaining to them if they still insist upon having it, say to them from me that any man who insists upon meat

those days takes the position of not being willing to help our allies and our boys who are fighting for us in France. There can be no half-way position for a man to take in this war. He is either for us or against us. If he is for us, he wants to help. If he is not willing to help us in this time of our need he is a traitor to his country.

"You may show this letter, if you desire, to any man who refuses to comply with my request and, after he has read it, he still insists upon meat, please furnish me with his name."

SOTHERN AND AMES GOING TO FRANCE TO STUDY ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—E. H. Sothern, actor, and Winthrop Ames, playwright and producer, will soon go abroad to make a survey of the entertainment needs of the American troops in France for the national war work council of the Young Men's Christian association. It was announced here last night. Ex-President William H. Taft, it was stated also, will to the Y.M.C.A. for a month, beginning Jan. 24 at Camp Devens. He will visit all the leading camps excepting those on the Great Lakes. Miss Louise Homer, daughter of Mme. Homer, Metropolitan contralto, and Sidney Homer, composer, will sail in January to sing in the Y.M.C.A. choral in France. Francis Coates Osborn of Columbus, O., actor and dramatic coach, will sail within the next two weeks to organize "local talent among the troops in France." The Y.M.C.A. has been placed in complete charge of the entertainment features of the American troops in France. Mr. Sothern and Mr. Ames will decide the type of entertainment that appeals most to the men and the various kinds of entertainments and plays which can be produced to advantage.



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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Private James B. Clancy, formerly employed at the Boston & Maine car shops in Billerica, but now with Co. B of the 14th engineer regiment, 1 mile from the front to a friend in this city. Private Clancy comes from Concord, N. H. The souvenir to which he refers in the letter was a silk handkerchief with embroidered edges upon which was pictured a blazing church. Here's the letter:

Somewhere in France, November 20, 1917.
Miss—: Just a few lines to let you know that I received your card and was very glad to hear from you. I hope that everybody in Lowell is well. This is a great country but I would prefer the old U.S.A. any time. It is good enough for anyone. All that one

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can see around here are ruins everywhere and where our present camp is located was once a good-sized village, but you would not know it to look at it now.
I have visited one of the larger cities about 25 miles from here. It was not destroyed although the enemy army passed through there at one time. There are some nice churches in Lowell but I think that they are not quite as nice as these over here in France which were probably built hundreds of years ago. Both on the inside and outside sand bags are piled up, high around the statues and carving to protect them from air raids.
I suppose the boys got a great send-off when they left Lowell and I hope they did. We had a pretty lonesome trip on the way over; there was nothing to see but water and not a drop of that was fit to drink. We landed at that camp about four days and then the five regiments went to London for a review.

It was some sight. I have seen large crowds in Lowell on different holidays but none could compare with the crowd in London on Wednesday, Aug. 15th. The boys sure got a great reception from the people along the streets. We passed the king and queen in front of Buckingham palace and went into Green park where lunch was served to the five regiments. We were also reviewed by the American ambassador and by Admiral Sims, and at last "Yankee Doodle" could be heard as they "went to London" and wasn't riding on "a hayrack." It was too bad that the countries were so far

apart that the people in the United States could not see the welcome that those five regiments received.

I suppose Old Fritz might have got us on the way back and we didn't see one of his U-boats on the way across. We went back to camp and stayed there for a few days until we started again for the south of England to the seaport where we boarded the boat that brought us to France.
"Sunny France," they say, but I fail to see it so far. All we get is rain and then some—and at this writing it is raining pretty hard. There is a good-sized town about five miles from our present camp which the boys have visited on and on. There one can see in real life the buildings and people that we had been used to seeing in moving pictures at home. We've gone to the "movies" several times over here but the pictures were the same that we had seen in America two years ago. The buildings in this town are pretty well shot up and it will be a great trip for sightseers to come over here after the war.

Things were pretty noisy around here this morning about breakfast time. It seemed like a reproduction of the American Fourth of July but on a larger scale. Although we are located quite a way behind the lines one could hear the big guns very plainly and when they started in on their morning hymn the ground and buildings shook. The boys of this company are fixed pretty well as far as shelter is concerned. We are living in low huts with five blankets, a cot and two stoves, so it is not as bad as one might think. The two companies at this camp are

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operating and maintaining the light railway in this area and it is pretty tight compared with the railroads around Lowell. The engines are something like the one that was in the Labor day parade in Lowell two years ago.
Well, I suppose that a lot of the young fellows in Lowell are in the army now and they may be on their way over here. We have heard that a lot of American troops have landed here but we have not seen any of them. I would like to meet the boys from the United States who have come over here in the last couple of months and have a talk with them for a few minutes. The French people sure have used the boys from America O.K., and wherever one goes he will see them together on the streets. The boys from Australia are about as fine a bunch of men as one would want to meet.
Well, I think I have written quite a lot for you so will close as the censor may get tired of reading this long story. I wish you a merry Christmas and good luck.

Priv. James B. Clancy.
P. S.—Enclosed you will find a souvenir. Let me know if you receive it as some of the boys have received letters from home saying that articles had been removed from the letters coming from over there.

Muscleman Gilligan
Muscleman Martin W. Gilligan with Battery F in France writes as follows to his mother, Mrs. M. A. Gilligan of 130 Bowers street:

Somewhere in France, Nov. 27, 1917.
Dear Mother—I am writing again but I can't say very much as I have not received an answer to the mail that I sent from this side. I am still feeling O.K. and am keeping well. I hope everyone here is well. I expect to get some of your mail any time now. The last letter I received came on the 26th of October. I hope you get all my letters. I will write twice a week if I can.
I am sending a snapshot I had taken here. I think it is a good one. I hope

you get this letter before Christmas, and I hope that you all have a very merry Christmas.
We are working pretty hard here, but we enjoy ourselves, too. We get good rest at night and plenty to eat, so we can't kick much. I would like to see Lowell when that bunch from Ayer comes to town. We get a few papers here from home and they all have camp Devens in them. Those fellows don't know what it is to soldier yet, they are just having a vacation.
Well, I can't find much to say, only I wish I could hear from you more often. The weather here is not cold; we have to wear our overcoats only now and then. But we have plenty of rain. Well, hoping to hear from you soon, I will close, with love to all. Marty.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL
A special meeting of Division 5, A.O. H., was held last night for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term. Vice President Monahan occupied the chair and the election resulted as follows: President, M. J. Monahan; vice president, John J. O'Sullivan; financial secretary, Thomas Dorsey; elected for the 15th time; Recording secretary, John Barrett; treasurer, Nicholas Sorogian; doorkeeper, John McGarry; sergeant-at-arms, Hugh J. Leonard; standing committee for two years, John Barrett, chairman, John Mulligan, Sr., Thomas Donnelly, Patrick Sheridan and Michael Gorman. Under the good and welfare of the order, the officers-elect thanked the members for their support. The class initiation committee reported that Division 5 had 31 men initiated. Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, during which refreshments were served. The officers chosen will be installed in January.

The regular monthly meeting of Lowell court, M.C.O.F., was held last night in Grafton hall and was well attended. Remarks were made by several members, but the principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows:
Chief ranger, Patrick T. Brosnan; vice chief ranger, Dr. Patrick J. Bagley; recording secretary, Charles R. Taylor; financial secretary, William A. Barry; treasurer, Humphrey Coffey; senior conductor, Timothy F. Rohan; junior conductor, William Ambrose; inside guard, Thomas Brosnan; outside guard, Daniel Murphy. The installation of officers will be held at the next meeting. During the session last night, Dr. L. Lynch gave a most instructive address upon the M.C.O.F. Organization in this state.
The members of Samuel H. Hines lodge, Knights of Pythias, was held last night and Secretary Griffin of the war service committee reported on the working of the third rank Monday night at Camp Devens. Arsen by the degree staff of Peter Woodland lodge of Lynn, P.C. Hugh William of Nashua was reported injured by a bad fall, and his name was placed on the sick list. The pool tournament which has been running the last nine weeks came to a close on Saturday night. P.C. Charles Holmington was the winner, having lost but one game. However, as he had himself donated the prize, he presented it to P.C. Archie D.

Bumps, who had lost two games, rank of sequire was conferred on a piece of Wampanoag. The sequire for Lowell lodge, P.C. Wallace E. Oil was the chevieller commander.

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Preserving Kettles, \$1.75, \$2.69, \$3.25, \$3.98, \$4.75

Convex Kettles, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.98 and \$3.25

Convex Sauce Pans, \$1.50, \$1.89 and \$2.25

Cake Pans, 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1.10 and \$1.25

Pie Plates, 30c, 35c, 39c and 42c

Biscuit Pan, 85c

Triple Sauce Pans, \$2.98, set of 3

Egg Poachers, \$1.25 to \$1.50

Omelet Pan, \$1.49

Steamer with Kettle, \$1.98 complete

Lipped Sauce Pan, 42c to \$1.50

Aluminum Percolators, \$1.49 to \$4.98

BASEMENT

Toilet Goods

Many times a puzzle, some gift can be purchased from our extensive list of Perfumes. Some very pretty gift bottles are here and not expensive. Other things of consequence are found in this section.

Hudnut's Toilet Water at \$1.00 and \$1.85 Bottle

Toilet Waters at .25c to \$6.50 Bot.

Glass Bud Vases and Perfume Bottles at .60c, 75c and \$1.25

Perfume Bottles in Cases at 25c to \$3.50

Takum Powder at 15c to 65c Box

Combination Gift Boxes, 50c to \$3.50

Metal Water Bottles, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Electric Heating Pads, \$7.50 Each

West Section Right Aisle

Gifts of Christmas Neckwear

Ladies' Silk Fibre Scarfs, in all the new shades, at \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00 Each

Ladies' All Silk Scarfs, in the new shades, at \$1.00 and \$5.50 Each

Ladies' Hand Run Lace Scarfs, 2 1/2 yards long, in white and black, at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00

Ladies' Lace Scarfs, 2 1/2 yards long, in pink, light blue, rose, lavender, peach and white, at \$4.50, \$5.50 Each

Ladies' Lace Scarfs, 2 1/2 yards long, in white only, at \$3.00 Each

Marabou Capes, natural and black, at \$3.98, \$4.98, \$7.00 Each

Ostrich Feather Boas, in black, black and white, white and black, at \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.00 Each

East Section Centre Aisle

GOOD BOOKS

Are like good friends, never forgotten. One of the strongest arguments why books should predominate your gift list. These we can heartily recommend as "good."

Anne of Avonlea, by L. M. Montgomery, 60c

Story of Julia Page, by Kathryn Norris, 60c

Georgina of the Rainbows, by Anne Fellows Johnson, 60c

Michael O'Halloran, by Gene Stratton Porter, 60c

Early this year these books were \$1.35.

THE BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS IS LINCOLN'S OWN YARNS AND STORIES, EDITED BY COL. A. K. MCCLURE. Only 69c

PALMER STREET CENTRE AISLE

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE Rug and Drapery Department

Curtains of Serims, Marquisette, Voiles, Nels, Filet, Madras, Princess Points, Renaissance, Laurets, Bonay and Arabians. The largest selection in the city, 98c up to \$15.00 a Pair

You will find all the latest novelties in white, cream, ivory, beige and Arabians.

Ready Made Sash Curtains, in all grades of Muslin, both plain or figured, finished full 29 inches long and yard wide, 19c to 50c a Pair

These are cheaper than buying the goods by the yard and save you the trouble of making.

Special Folding Card Tables, 30 inch square top, leatherette or felt covered, reinforced with brass corners, can be folded to one inch thickness; worth \$3.00. Special \$1.98 Each

Just the table for afternoon teas or whist parties.

EAST SECTION SECOND FLOOR

An Xmas Basket

That will stay with you all winter. Filled with natural greens and Christmas reds. Boxwood cones, etc., strongly made with a dry pack that needs no attention. These baskets are taking the place of expensive wreaths for holiday window decorations. Most appropriate for your Christmas table. Sold regularly at \$1.50 and \$2.00. Our price only

\$1.09 Each

PALMER STREET RIGHT AISLE

SIGN PAINTER FALLS FROM STAGING

Samuel Siegel, a sign painter in the employ of the Kimball System, had a narrow escape from being killed and shortly after noon today when he fell off a ladder staging swung in front of the building numbered 109 Merrimack street, near the corner of John street, and landed on the sidewalk. An examination showed that he was suffering from a lacerated wound of the forehead and lacerated wound of the nose and probably suffered internal injuries. The accident was witnessed by a large number of people who were passing through the street.

Siegel was painting a sign for Dr. J. Gagnon which is on the roof of the two and one-half story building at 109 Merrimack street. He was walking along the ladder staging when suddenly it tilted to one side and he fell. He struck on his feet but the fall was so great that when he struck the sidewalk his head and nose struck his knees and inflicted the injuries.

The injured man was carried into Dr. Gagnon's office and the ambulance summoned, but upon the arrival of the ambulance Siegel refused to go to a hospital. A doctor was then summoned and after the injuries had been dressed the man was taken to his home, 141 Chelmsford street.

COMMISSIONERS WIN SUGAR

It was reported at city hall this morning that two of the commissioners at city hall and one of the employees had recently won in a drawing each five pounds of real granulated sugar. The contest was held at Camp Devens for the benefit of the soldier boys and the first lot of five pounds of the sweet stuff drawn went to Commissioner Morse. The second lot was won by Commissioner Donnelly and the third by James Redmond, the registrar of voters' office. It was reported that the 15 pounds of sugar were later donated to the soldier boys by the winners.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE CITY PAID FOR WORTHLESS FLAGS

The state prison authorities are very sorry that the city of Lowell did not get its money's worth in the recent purchase of flags for the North common and Fort Hill park, for it was believed that the flags were of high grade material.

A few months ago Purchasing Agent Maxime Lepine purchased a large flag for the North common and a few weeks later another was purchased for the flag pole at Fort Hill park, the two emblems being raised from the state prison authorities. A few days after the flags were raised they went to pieces. The attention of Victor T. Buck of the state prison industry was called to the quality of the flags and as a result several communications were exchanged between Mr. Buck and Mr. Lepine but without any satisfactory result.

This morning Mr. Buck called on the purchasing agent and said he was surprised to learn that the flags were of inferior quality. He said the bunting was purchased from a reliable company and the highest price possible was paid for the goods. The only work done by prison inmates on the flags is the sewing of the bunting bands. In closing he said he was very sorry that the flags did not prove of A 1 quality, and that closed the incident.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CHELMSFORD STREET HOSPITAL WILL INCLUDE FESTIVE BIRD

The Christmas dinner at the Chelmsford street hospital will consist of 500 pounds of western turkey purchased from Pahey & Co., cranberry sauce, mince pie, cheese, celery, oranges and nuts.

The dinner will be served to 336 inmates, the smallest number of inmates at the institution since 1914. While talking about the Christmas dinner this morning Supt. Conley stated that the hospital will be closed for the celebration of the year this being due to the high cost of food, coal and cloth.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

At 11:20 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the plant of Chase & Sons in Howe street and removed Peter O'Neill, of 152 Middlesex street to St. John's hospital. He was suffering from an injury to his left leg.

The central switchboard of the local fire department which has been located in the living room of Engine 3's quarters at the central fire station was last night transferred to the chief's quarters in the fire station.

John Jameson, residing at 238 Merrimack street, suffered a fracture of the right arm while at work at the car barns of the Bay State Street Ry. Co. in Middlesex street about 8 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to St. John's hospital.

J. A. Cook, residing at 66 Royal street, suffered a laceration of the arm about 10:45 o'clock this morning as a result of that arm being caught in a carding machine at the Merrimack mills of the American Woolen Co. at the Drott Navy Yard. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the Lowell hospital.

Walter Dana, residing at 1 Hancock avenue and employed by D. Lovejoy & Son in Liberty square, was burned about the face and arms about 6

Removal Notice!

M. J. SHARKEY

Has Moved His Office to
219 Central Street

Corner of Jackson street, where he is better prepared to furnish all forms of

INSURANCE

and Supply the needs of Home Buyers and Investors in

REAL ESTATE
On his latest list of properties for sale you may find the place

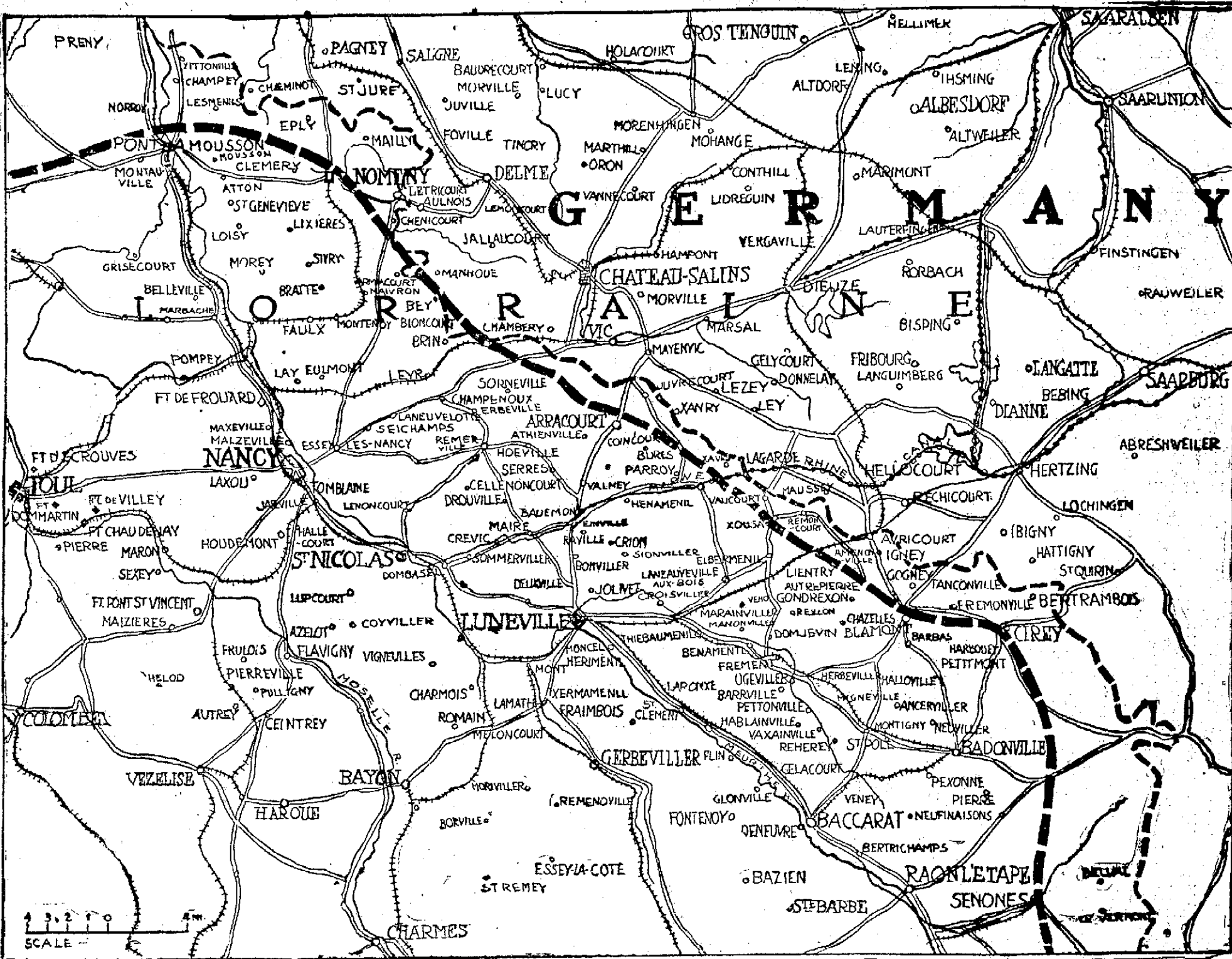
THAT JUST SUITS YOU
His advice and services are always your disposal. CALL AND SEE HIM at his new address—

219 CENTRAL STREET

KITTREDGE'S

XMAS STATIONERY and BRASS GOODS, complete assortment at lowest prices.
LEATHER TOURISTS' TABLETS and BILL FOLDS, BIBLES, DIARIES, XMAS CARDS, FOUNTAIN PENS, PRAYER BOOKS, PHOTO ALBUMS.
BOOKS FOR BOYS and GIRLS, also PENCIL SETS.
EVERSHARP PENCILS, the Latest Novelty.

15 CENTRAL STREET



DETAIL MAP OF AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE!

This is the territory in France where there are American soldiers on the battle line. The line of combat is shown in the heavy dotted line; note that it is very close to the boundary of German Lorraine. The government has not announced exactly what section of this line the American troops are holding. The entire line shown here, however, is only 72 miles long, and the skirmishes between Sammies and Germans were in the neighborhood of the Rhine-Marne Canal, which crosses the battle line northeast of Lunerville, almost in the center of the map. Observe that a few exceedingly small pieces of German territory north and east of Nancy are now in possession of the allies—presumably the French. Railroads are indicated on this map by crossed lines, good wagon roads by parallel lines, and canals by lines with circles on them. This map covers a territory 60 miles across. From Toul it is 160 miles west to Paris, and 42 miles northwest to Verdun.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FISH—Died Dec. 17, in this city, Mrs. Anna M. Fish, aged 75 years, four months and 28 days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward F. Staples, 26 Dover street. Funeral services will be held at 26 Dover street, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Please omit flowers. Burial will take place at Theford, Vt. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

KELTY—The funeral of James F. Kelly will take place Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from his home, 35 Varney street. A solemn high funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 10 o'clock. Undertaker Peter Savage in charge.

KENNEY—The funeral of John H. Kenney will take place Friday morning from his home, 15 Lenox street at 8 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & McKee in charge.

MOORE—Died Dec. 18, in this city, Miss Susan Moore, aged 55 years, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McGrath, Barclay street. Funeral services will be held at 9 Buxley street, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SHERBURNE—Died in Tyngsboro, Dec. 18, at his home, Warren A. Shubert, aged 87 years. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Evangelical church, Tyngsboro. Friends invited without further notice. Please omit flowers.

SHANNON—The funeral of Mrs. Cecelia Shannon will take place Friday morning from her late home, 15 Auburn street, at 8:30 o'clock and a funeral mass will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker George B. McKenna in charge.

STRATTON—Died Dec. 18, in Andover street, North Tewksbury, Mrs. Susan Ann Stratton, aged 87 years. Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker Herbert A. Shannons.

FUNERALS

CAVIGHAN—The funeral services of Hugh Cavighan were held at the home of Undertaker James P. O'Donnell & Sons yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur W. Shaw, pastor of St. Anne's church. The bearers were James Gavin, W. P. Quinn, William Foley and George Bray. Burial was in the Edison cemetery, where the committee of prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Shaw.

AVILA—The funeral of Domerick Avila took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, John and Clara Avila, of Tyngsboro, and proceeded to St. Anthony's church, where services were held. Rev. John Perry officiating. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers Al. H. McDonough Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

BRADY—The funeral of Bridget Brady took place this morning from the home of Undertaker Peter H. Ray at 8:30 o'clock and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Lawrence P. Tighe, O.M.I. The bearers were John Freeman, Patrick J. Frawley, Thomas A. Moloney and John J. Brady. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Lawrence P. Tighe, O.M.I. read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge of funeral arrangements.

WOOP—The funeral of William H. Wood, Jr., took place this morning at

8:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, William H. and Katherine (McEvoy) Wood, 212 Westford street and proceeded to St. Peter's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan. There were several beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets. The casket was borne by the following bearers: Francis Tracy, Francis Conway, George Moulton, Bernard Boudreau, Homer Marquis and William O'Brien. The funeral proceeded to St. Patrick's cemetery, where the burial took place in the family lot, the committal prayers being read at the grave by the Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan. The funeral was largely attended and under the direction of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND
A contribution for the Massachusetts Halifax relief fund amounting to \$2, was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from T. F. G.

ARMY AND NAVY

Continued
who is in charge of the recruiting depot at Halifax was in the devastated city at the time of the explosion and was seriously injured about the head. He was later able to come to Boston, however, and told of what had happened to 250 recruits for the Manchester, Eng., regiment who were drilling in the drill shed of the armory in Halifax at the time of the big rumus. Although the shed was entirely destroyed not one of the 250 men who were in it was seriously injured. Before the full impact of the explosion had been felt they rushed into the armory proper and this building was so constructed that it was not at all injured by the disaster. The escape of the soldiers was considered somewhat of a miracle by the officers.

John Catterall of 239 Fayette street has signed up with the 24th Canadian battalion and will go to Quebec tomorrow.

Harry Lowe of 59 Hudson street left this morning for Boston where he will become a member of Uncle Sam's navy forces. He enlisted at the local station as an apprentice seaman.

Corp. Frank C. Cox of the local regular army station has eight men on the waiting list who cannot be forwarded to Fort Slocum because of the lack of accommodations there. He expects things will loosen up in a few days, however.

Men who are over the draft age but who still want to do their bit—active—have an opportunity in the Junior branch of the national service, the United States Guards of the National Army. Men who have previous military experience or who have been members of police or fire departments are especially desired for the branch.

James Brown, who has an artificial arm and leg, is employed picking oranges in an orchard near Lindsay, Calif. He is considered the most rapid and efficient picker on the force and averages around 100 boxes of fruit daily. A normal man who can pick 80 boxes is considered an expert.

TREATY BETWEEN U. S. AND SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The text of the new commercial treaty with the United States was published in Switzerland today and caused an excellent impression everywhere. All the Swiss newspapers express the warmest gratitude of the Swiss people to President Wilson and the American government. The Bund says: "America has acted toward Switzerland as a real friend in need."

According to the Bund, the Swiss grain stocks have been reduced to about 6000 wagons of wheat, so that without American assistance Switzerland was approaching serious food difficulties.

TWO CHIMNEY FIRES
The members of Engine 5 were called to extinguish a chimney fire at 95 Lakeview avenue at 7:45 o'clock last night.

At 7:55 o'clock House 10 was called to extinguish a chimney fire at the corner of Mammoth road and Clinton avenue. There was no damage done in either case.

DREAMS DO HAPPEN

I HAVE BEEN DRESSED AN HOUR AND YOU HAVEN'T STARTED



XMAS SALE OF FUR COATS

200 Fur Coats

OF THE FINEST QUALITIES IN HUDSON SEAL, NUTRIA, MARMOT, MUSKRAT AND NATURAL RACCOON. NO FINER GIFT FOR MOTHER, SISTER OR SWEET-HEART. WE ARE ABLE TO QUOTE YOU PRICES THAT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

Sale Starts Thursday Morning

SEE THE GARMENTS, EXAMINE THE QUALITY. DESCRIPTION DOES NOT DO JUSTICE

Natural Raccoon Coats, 45 inches long, fine quality dark skins, large sweep, Skinner lining, sizes to 44.	\$157.50 Coats, at	\$127.50	Natural Muskrat Coats, in 40, 42 and 45 inches long, seal and raccoon trimmed. Coats that cannot be replaced at \$10.00 to \$25.00 more.	\$57.50, \$75.00, \$89.50, to \$150	Hudson Seal Coats, 60 to choose from. The most beautiful coats we have ever shown. Some plain, some with rich marten collars.	\$125, \$150, \$175. to \$297.50
Others \$135, \$150, to \$200						

SEE THE FINEST COLLECTION OF FUR COATS EVER SHOWN IN LOWELL.



Cherry & Webb

12-18
John St.

AMERICA ASCENDANCY TO FINANCIAL SUPREMACY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years, gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

"It is probable that the demand by European countries," the report says, "especially Russia, France and Belgium, for building material, machinery, railway equipment and other construction and reconstruction material will be larger than during the war. Much of our new business in South and Central America, Australia and the far east, as well as in Africa, is expected to be permanent, especially in view of our increased purchases of raw materials and foodstuffs from these countries."

Since 1914 the flow of gold has been steadily toward the United States in payment for this country's goods, until one-third of the world's visible supply of gold is held here. Net imports of gold have amounted in three years to \$1,115,000,000, and in addition millions of dollars worth of American securities held abroad have been returned here in exchange for merchandise. Millions have been invested in foreign securities and government loans and the United States has made loans to the allied governments amounting to \$2,250,000,000 to the close of the fiscal year 1917.

"Three years ago the suggestion that the United States would soon be a creditor nation received scant respect either here or abroad," the report says. "Now speculation is turning on its future rank among creditor nations."

The fiscal year 1917 was the nation's greatest year in foreign trade, due almost entirely to higher prices and not to larger quantities.

"That higher prices are not confined to the United States, but are general throughout the world is proved by the increases in the prices of imported articles," says the report.

Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$9,294,000,000, and imports were \$6,690,000,000. The exports showed an interesting feature in the growth in sales of completed manufactures, \$2,444,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and decrease purchases of finished manufactures made a striking contrast on the other side of the ledger.

"There has been a pronounced tendency,"

She Used to be Gray

The well-known society leaders' hair was gray, just like yours. But Mrs. B. heard of Q-ban Hair Color Restorer—how thousands had proved that Q-ban would bring a natural, soft, even, dark shade to gray or faded hair and make it soft, fluffy and beautiful. Q-ban is all ready to use—a liquid, guaranteed harmless, 75c a large bottle—money back if not satisfied. Sold by Louis K. Liggett & Co., and all good drug stores. Try Q-ban Hair Tonic; Liquid Shampoo; Soap.



Try Q-ban

HAIR COLOR RESTORER

ing held last Sunday and at which plans for helping Company C, 302d Machine Gun battalion, reported the doings of the meeting and they distributed 100 tickets among the members of the association for the event to be conducted for the benefit of the company. In the course of the meeting Lieut. T. E. Voight and two privates addressed the gathering.

It was voted to open the clubhouse to all men in uniform from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m., and the following committee was appointed to purchase a larger service flag than is now floating from the building: Napoleon Lozano, Joseph Arbour and Joseph L. Lamoureux. The resignation of Napoleon Milot as librarian was accepted with regret and his successor will be chosen in the near future.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Louis S. Jean; vice president, Adelard St. Jean; recording secretary, Thomas Berube; assistant recording secretary, Adelard Labrie; treasurer, Joseph L. Lamoureux; financial secretary, Napoleon Lozano; assistant financial secretary, Edmond Fontaine, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Richard Daigle; chief marshals, Isidore Trudel and Raoul Pelletier; directors, Emory Racotte, Joseph Tremblay and Ludger Ouellet; interior sentinel, Joseph Boulin; exterior sentinel, Emile E. Gauthier; medical examiner, Dr. George E. Caisse.

It was announced that the installation will be held on the third Tuesday in January and the following committee has been appointed to prepare an entertainment program: Larry Boule, George Simard, Philippe Morin, Hector Laplante and Hector McDonald.

MAYOR-ELECT THOMPSON GETS LETTER RELATIVE TO INFANT MORTALITY HERE

Mrs. E. N. Burke, president of the Lowell guild, has written a letter to Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson, calling his attention to the high rate of infant mortality in Lowell and the advisability of employing two additional health nurses, one by the guild and another by the city. The mayor-elect has replied that he will be glad to meet the guild workers at their convenience.

The two letters follow:

The Lowell, Mass., Dec. 14, 1917.

Mr. Perry Thompson,

My Dear Sir: As president of the Lowell guild, I am writing you in connection with your recent election as mayor.

I am sure that during your term of office you will be interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the city. I wish therefore to bring to your attention the need for additional health nurses. The Lowell Guild, which at present supervises the health of the children in connection with its own district nurse work would be very glad to offer its service for the supervision of further health work by the city, and particularly in baby welfare work.

The very high death rate in Lowell, among children under one year of age, emphasizes the need of an aggressive campaign to conserve child life, and prevent such an appalling infant mortality. With this end in view the guild hopes shortly to employ one additional child welfare nurse, and it were possible for the city to employ another an appreciable decrease in the death rate might be accomplished.

Such a nurse should have the special training for this work as given by the Boston Instructive District Nursing association, and I suppose in the case of being employed by the city, must also have passed a civil service examination. This is a measure urged and recommended by the state board of health, which has appointed a child welfare conservation committee for Lowell, of which I have the honor to be chairman. The council of the Lowell guild would be very glad if you would grant us an interview for the discussion of the matter of health nursing before the budget for the year is completed.

With every good wish for your success as mayor,

I am sincerely yours,

Rebecca Norcross Burke
(Mrs. Edward N. Burke).

Mayor-elect Thompson's reply is as follows:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17, 1917.

Mrs. Edward N. Burke, President of the Lowell Guild.

My Dear Madam: In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 14th of Dec. 14, I first want to thank you for your congratulations and good wishes. No person could possibly be more interested in everything that pertains to the welfare of this city than myself. I realize and appreciate the good work which has, and is being done by the Lowell guild.

I shall be pleased to meet the council of the Lowell guild at their convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Perry D. Thompson.

31-32 Donovan Bldg., Lowell, Mass.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Representatives of lodges of the Knights of Pythias of Lowell, Ayer, Fitchburg and Leominster attended the "Camp Devens" night, which was held Monday evening under the auspices of Harbinger lodge at the town hall of Ayer. One of the features of the evening was the degree work of Peter Woodland lodge of Lynn, which sent a large delegation to the event.

Present at the meeting were about 60 members of the National army at Camp Devens as well as all the members of Butler lodge of the city in uniform. Entertainment numbers were given and refreshments were served.

The committee in charge of the arrangements included B. H. Allen of Uniform Rank Butler Ames company of Lowell, chairman; N. A. Nichols of Chevalier-Middlesex lodge, Lowell, and E. F. Griffin of Uniform Rank Butler Ames company, Lowell. The "Camp Devens night" was only one of the many things which the Pythians have planned for the entertainment of the soldier boys. On Christmas morning a large number of Lowell Pythians will journey to Camp Devens and distribute Christmas presents and tokens.

The next meeting of the service committee will be held at Harbinger lodge, Ayer, Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. All members of the order are invited to attend.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Thursday or Friday



Open Evenings

Bring Your Christmas Club Checks or Liberty Bonds to This Store and Get Their Full Value in CHALIFOUX VALUE.

Why You Should Shop Thursday or Friday—

There are those who for reasons best known to themselves, cannot buy their Christmas gifts until Saturday or Monday. Those who can do so are urgently requested to make way for the final rush. Shop Thursday or Friday.

What You Should Buy Thursday or Friday—

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| TOYS, DOLLS | CHINA |
| JEWELRY | NECKWEAR |
| LEATHER GOODS | GAMES |
| TOILET ARTICLES | SLIPPERS |
| HANDKERCHIEFS | GLOVES |
| MEN'S FURNISHINGS | VICTROLAS |
| BATH ROBES | SILVERWARE |
| STATIONERY | GLASSWARE |
| SWEATERS | ROSIER |

Holiday stocks at Chalifoux's this year are larger than ever before. Varieties are vastly greater. We are prepared to give the best possible service right up to the last minute before closing time Monday evening—Christmas Eve. Late shoppers are advised to rely on Chalifoux's. It is the largest store in Lowell—more room for crowds. Chalifoux value and quality protect you. And people like to know their gifts come from Chalifoux's. It shows a fine sense of discrimination on the part of the giver.

Again—Shop Thursday or Friday if you can.



Gift Blouses

From the Blouse Shop—An ideal Christmas gift. If you want to give a really beautiful Christmas blouse, you can do so at a very little cost. A fascinating collection and values are Chalifoux values.

White Voile and Striped Poplins. Good assortment to select from. Sizes from 36 to 52, 95c

White Voile and White Colored Wash Waists of extra heavy quality. \$1.08

Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine Blouses. Regular \$3.00 value. \$2.08

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses. A beautiful variety to select from. \$2.00 to \$3.00

Children's All Wool Sweaters, values from \$4.00 to \$5.00

Special \$2.08 to \$3.95

Women's All Wool and Thread Silk Angora Sweaters. \$5.00 to \$15.00

Children's All Wool Sweaters. Special at \$2.98 and \$3.98

Dainty Undermuslins

Chalifoux Value

Crepe de Chine and Washable Satin Camisoles, with and without sleeves, or ribbon straps. 60c to \$1.08

Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises, with dainty flit trimmings, extra good value. \$1.05, \$2.08, \$3.95

Wash Silk and Crepe de Chine Petticoats with deep lace trimmed ruffles. \$1.08 and \$2.08

Crepe de Chine and Washable Satin Night Gowns, of extra heavy quality, daintily trimmed. \$3.95 to \$6.00

Corset Covers, made of fine satin, daintily trimmed. 25c, 35c and 50c

Envelope Chemises, Night Gowns, and Long White Petticoats, all put up in holiday boxes. Beautiful assortment to select from. 95c, \$1.50, \$1.95 and \$2.98

Flannelette Gowns, of heavy quality, extra good value. \$1.25

Flannelette Petticoats, regular and outsize, lengths from 27 to 35. 30c and 40c

Crepe Pajamas, one and two pieces, from 95c to \$2.05

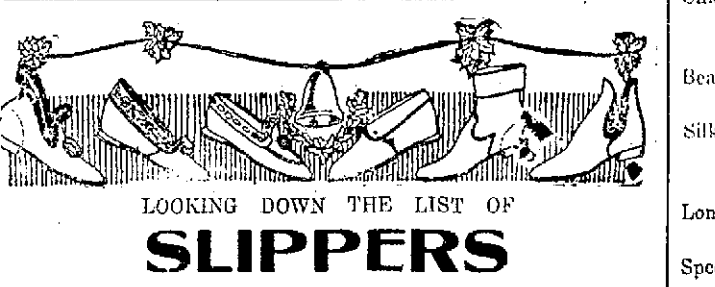


MEN'S BATHROBES

Made in lounging robe style, cord trimmed, beautiful colors, in quiet designs and Indian patterns, \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$8.00

Men's House Coats—A large and varied assortment, comfortable and stylish looking. Made with two frogs and cord trimmings. Blue, brown, gray, green, and wine colors, \$5, \$6.50, \$8, \$10 to \$15

Annex—Street Floor



SLIPPERS

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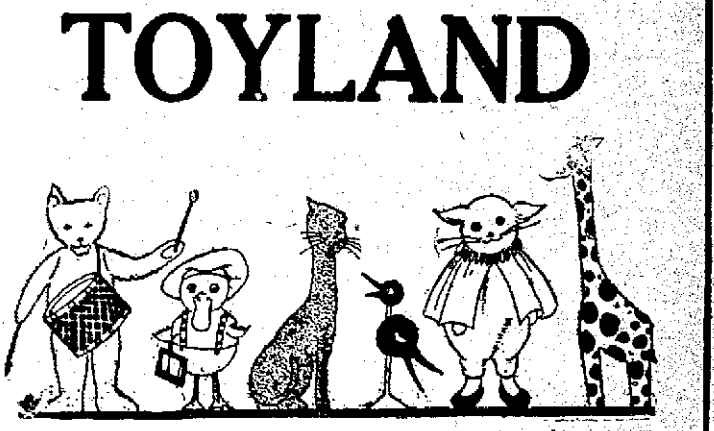
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CANADA VINDICATED

Canada has sustained the Borden government in its attitude on the war and has also endorsed conscription. Had she done anything else, she would have shown the white feather and nullified the glorious record of her brave soldiers and some of the hardest fought battles of the war.

We congratulate Canada, although we did not expect any other result. The province of Quebec will now have to do its share in the war although it has shown opposition to the war policy up to the present.

AS TO FIRING THE SOCIALIST

Editor Sun:—Why shouldn't congress kick out that socialist, Meyer London, the only member of the house treacherous enough to vote for our enemies?

There are several reasons, some political, some legal, some logical.

Meyer London was sent to congress to represent the opinion and wishes of a certain district, which he undoubtedly did in voting, alone, against war with Austria. True, a congressman is supposed to also represent the country at large, but it is the law of the socialist party, a law that curses it in the eyes of the vast majority of intelligent Americans, that it is the socialist party, first, last and all the time, regardless of all else. London voted correctly. Certain it is that if he had not so voted, he would be kicked out of his job; and equally certain it is that, if congress goes to firing its members who stick to the demands of their districts, pretty exclusively, we'll see a lovely procession of congressmen homeward bound.

But Meyer London is not wholly a calamity. Most good causes are better from having a kicker or two. It would be mighty bad if we all settled back in absolute safety and perfectly complete unanimity. London at least shows us where kaiserism is and what it's at. With the fierce little socialist's boll on the back of our neck, we are not likely to oversleep.

THE RUSSIAN PEACE

Judging from the proposals of peace between Russia and Germany, it appears that the Bolshevik officials are yielding practically everything of advantage to the Teutons. Germany holds the conquered territory and arranges for control of the Baltic and Black seas, together with commercial intercourse, "kultur" and exploitation such as will soon make the entire Russian dominions the base of supplies from which she can draw not only food and material in abundance but as many men as she may require. Lenin and Trotsky are simply selling out the nation to Germany in the most flagrant manner. They ask the ambassadors of the Entente powers which Russia has "deserted to join in the peace negotiations, but it is not likely that these diplomats will be allowed to have any hand in such betrayal of Russia. They may, however, protest against this obvious betrayal of the allied cause by the Bolsheviks who temporarily represent the Russian people.

The mere withdrawal of Russia would be bad enough, but her agreement to supply the needs of Germany will offset the effect of the allied blockade of German ports. It will give the Central powers a new lease of life and new strength to maintain the war for one or two years longer.

The population of the conquered territory in Russia alone is 20,000,000. The men from this area can be drafted for war after the peace with Russia. Moreover the German prisoners released from Russia will number nearly a million men, most of whom will be returned to service at the front. Thus it appears that before the United States gets into the war Germany will be able to strike a tremendous blow on the western front and she is now making extensive preparations with that end in view. She will also be able to raise fortifications along the greater part of the western front against the expected spring drive.

It was hoped the spring would see the end of the struggle; but in view of the new power given to Germany by Russia, that hope has practically vanished. For the immediate future the Central powers have gained more by the collapse of Russia than have the allies by the espousal of their cause by the United States.

SUPPOSE YOU WERE THEY

When a living, breathing human victim of injustice knocks very often at your front door, sometimes as often as twice a day, you are pretty near the Hun class if you sit back in your soft comfort and refuse to be interested.

How much do you know about those fine fellows who serve you in billiard or sizzard, in ruin or sunshine, in hall, in sleet, between the lightning flashes, the letter carriers? You see them, at this season of the year, working far into the night under loads that would stagger a horse. Does it ever strike you that they are your employees, doing your work, under your pay? Does it ever strike you that if great injustice is being done these faithful fellows, it's because of your indifference, your absorption in self?

The foregoing to awaken you to the fact that the postal workers, your employees, are asking an increase of pay from you, in a bill presented in your congress. How have you been treating them?

You have given them one increase

in 40 years—just ten years ago, when a dollar would go twice as far as it does now, as you well know. Their minimum wage is \$2.22 per day, the maximum \$3.33, or much less than you'd have to pay to get ordinary ditch-diggers. And, at that, your postal employees have to work, on the average, nine years to get that maximum.

While your postal employee is off duty through illness he is also off the payroll. You grant him no pension. You make him buy his own uniform, the cost of which has advanced 50 per cent, since you gave him that raise, ten years ago. You make him work long hours of overtime, but pay him the regular hourly wage for it. You work him so much nights that he has to sacrifice his social life with family and friends. When he has loyally stuck by the job for, say, 40 years and become unfitted for anything else, you "turn him out to grass" himself, exclusively, to find the grass.

That's the way you've been treating your postoffice clerks and letter car-

riers. And, last year, your postoffice department returned you a net surplus of \$5,827,236.07!

Moreover, in the last session of your congress you raised the pay of all government employees except those of your underpaid, profit-making post-office department.

Now, don't try to dodge the responsibility! Don't try to satisfy yourself by saying that it's up to congress! It is your congress. The shame and injustice of this thing are roosting right on your doorstep. It is your congress, your money, your employees, nobody else's, and so the whole responsibility is yours. Write to your congressmen and senators and urge that they increase the pay of your faithful postal employees, with your money so as to give them a wage commensurate with the value of their service according to present day standards.

SEEN AND HEARD

Love may be blind, but all lovers should remember that the neighbors aren't.

The boy who thinks he knows what he is going to be when he grows up is usually wrong.

If some people should think always before they spoke they would have to do some rapid thinking.

The first thing the soldier has to do is to learn to obey orders. That helps to fit him for being married.

Really, you ought to feel flattered

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What is a Necessity?

When that which is a luxury to one is a necessity to another how shall we define the terms? If necessity is the opposite of luxury—then

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Someone has said that Luxury does not consist in the use and enjoyment of the good things of life but in the wasteful abuse of them to vicious purposes. Our store is filled with large and varied assortments of articles of real worth. The business of the Jeweler and Silver-smith always prospers in war times because the people realize that money paid for Jewelry and Silverware is not wasteful expenditure but judicious investment.

Do your bit. If you have made money, give money and spend money. Give encouragement to every line of endeavor and industry by helping to circulate the billions that are being spent in this country. This is one way of defeating the enemy.

This may be contrary to the advice of certain pessimists, but the present is no time for long faces.

Christmas Stockings Should Be Filled as Never Before.

when a man writes to you to ask your opinion about something and encloses a three-cent stamp for your reply.

A New Edible

The other evening, a would-be fashionable woman called at a neighbor's, at what she thought would be supper time.

"Come in," said the neighbor, "we are having tableaux."

"I'm so glad," said the visitor, "I thought I smell you, and I like you better than anything else for supper."

—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Real Showman

"That boy of mine is a natural-born showman."

"What makes you think so?"

"He gives circuses every afternoon

in our backyard that are the talk of the neighborhood."

"Aren't you afraid he'll break his neck performing on a trapeze or making high jumps?"

"No, indeed. He just takes the tickets. That's why I think he's a natural-born showman."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Old Lady's Find

Breathless with excitement during the cold weather, the old lady appeared at the window of the lost property office.

"I found something in the train," she said.

"What is it, ma'am?" inquired the clerk.

"I don't know; it's a box with handles at each end. It may be a bomb, an infernal machine. Fetch a policeman."

"Let me see it, ma'am," asked the clerk.

"Certainly not; it may be a jewel-case. It is made of metal and it's very heavy. Send for the station master," she said.

"Won't you let me see it?"

"No, I will not. Trying to cheat an old woman out of her reward. Send for the station master and a policeman."

These two worthies having arrived, the old lady showed her find to the expectant crowd.

"Now," she said, "what is it?"

"That!" roared the station master. "That thing? Why, it's a foot-warmer."

—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Give Us Coal

The cellar pipes are busted And the heater's frost-encrusted And the hall with snow is dusted Which is chilly to the sole.

There is ice on all our dishes And we're cold as frozen fish in Hearken, heaven to our wishes Give us coal.

Here's the roll For the precious love of Peter, give us coal!

For an icy cover shows on Every chair; the breeze that blows on Any window leaves us frozen And the kitchen stove is colder than the Pole.

We must chop the milk we're eating And there's ice upon our sheeting. Hear our quaking voices bleating Give us coal.

We will pay most any toll If you'll only give us coal, coal!

We don't ask to have our bin full, Give us just a baking tin full, For we know the waste is sinful, And we'll use the precious fuel dollar by dollar.

From a poor field or a star field, From a near field or a far field, For the love of Mike, Sir Garfield, Send us coal.

By the bucket or the bowl, Ere our frigid frames grow rigid And we're corpses, frozen whole Give us just a teeny-weeny bit of coal!

—Berton Braley.

Unwanted Women

A writer, in paying tribute to the splendid war work of the majority of women, indicated a minority of "un-splendid women," including those who give themselves a good time under the pretext that they are "giving the boys a good time."

Unemployed educated women in the homes of well-to-do parents, and single women living aimless lives in boarding houses.

Here is the other side of the story, as presented by a woman "slacker."

Take my own case:

At first, like many another, I did not realize that the grip of war was going to tighten so relentlessly on our country. But when I did realize it I took a survey of the situation in order to see "where I came in" in the national scheme of things.

I have been a working woman all my life—first as a fully qualified teacher, then as a socialist in certain directions in business. I have known all my life that I have none of the essential qualities of a nurse, and that my part of teaching that was too much for me was the more or less continuous standing.

So it followed logically that I should be useless to my country either as a V. D. nurse or as a munition worker or cauteen helper, because of the constant standing that would be necessary. But I offered my services voluntarily in connection with the details of the particular business with which I was acquainted, and I also, at a later period, offered myself as a voluntary helper in connection with national educational movements which I read were being organized at the time, in view of difficulties after the war.

In both cases my offer was refused. My services were not required.

New, the question remains: Ought I to have offered my services for nursing or for those other branches of help when I know perfectly well that I

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quite without precedent. This sale is noteworthy, as notwithstanding the increased cost of silks, these scarfs are offered at absolutely no advance over the prices of similar qualities in former years.

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should very soon have been knocked out by them?

I think all reasonable people will admit that I should have been far more bother than I was worth if I had done so. It was surely more sensible for me to make the decision myself than to force it upon the nation.

And I take it that there are others in the same class as myself. We are not doing definite war work, because there is no niche for us.—London Daily Mail.

George Leach, who works on a small ferryboat in Maine, has a unique record. He has been an engineer for more than a quarter of a century and has not been more than 900 yards from shore in all that time. His boat carries passengers across the Penobscot River between Brewer and Bangor.

LARGE STOCKS OF DRIED FISH DAMAGED IN FOOD RIOTS IN PORTUGAL

ST. JOHNS, N. H., Dec. 19.—News has been received here that large stocks of

dried fish owned by Newfoundland interests were damaged in recent food riots in Oporto, Portugal. Many vessels from this port visit Oporto every year as that city is the principal distributing point for the large exports of Newfoundland cod to Portugal. Shippers are considering steps to be taken for the recovery of the value of their property.



WORLD'S LARGEST KNITTING CLASS AIDS RED CROSS

The picture above shows but a portion of the largest knitting class ever formed. These girls are employed in the manufacturing plant of one of the Chicago's leading industries. When this

photograph was taken 277 women and girls were knitting. An expert teacher is provided on two nights a week to show the beginners and instruct in the difficult stitches.

When the knitting class gets out needles and yarn, typewriters are shoved aside and the class is divided into sections, one row in making sweaters; another, scarfs; another,

helmets, and so on. Thus the inexperienced knitter can look over her neighbor's shoulder when a knotty problem confronts her.

the local chapter and whose membership do not expire until later are asked to rejoin at this time so that a uniform method of bookkeeping may be established.

Although the campaign is designed intrinsically to increase the membership of the Red Cross, nevertheless, half of each subscription fee will be turned over to the local chapter of the society and the other 50 per cent will go to the national organization.

There is very little detail connected with joining the Red Cross. Simply go to one of the campaign workers—if they have not already come to you—or to one of the various agencies established for receiving subscriptions, hand over a dollar with your name and address and your part of the transaction is complete. Then you receive a 1918 membership button, a Red Cross poster and a receipt for your money. After that you may face the world as a bona fide member of the American Red Cross society.

People who are already members of the local chapter and whose membership do not expire until later are asked to rejoin at this time so that a uniform method of bookkeeping may be established.

RED CROSS WORKERS

Continued
conjunction with Mrs. Boyden H. Pillsbury, the campaign membership secretary, has charge of the work. Yesterday afternoon, a corps of young

ladies from the commercial department of the high school assisted in the work and their services were very much appreciated. They will continue this work for the rest of the campaign.

A meeting will be held Friday evening, Monday noon, and the final gathering will take place the night after Christmas, when a dinner will be served and final reports made. The campaign is just beginning to strike a healthy stride, and the next few days should see a lot of action locally. A systematic canvass of the various trades and professions is being made and there is hardly a person in the city who will escape the appeal of the workers. As the campaign slogan says, "a heart and a dollar" is all that a person needs to become a 1918 member of the great American Red Cross society.

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE LEADS IN ATHLETICS

Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan is showing young Nippon how the best Samurai traditions may be converted into the realm of sports to the glory of the race. At 16 he is a leader in ath-



letics and is setting the pace of physical development for his young university companions. Hirohito, of whom this is a recent picture, is a captain in the Japanese army and a lieutenant of the navy.

BRITISH LABOR'S ATTITUDE

Important Conference to Discuss Attitude Towards War and Peace

Meeting of World-Wide, If Not Revolutionary, Consequence

LONDON, Nov. 29 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—British labor's attitude towards war and peace will be the chief subject of discussion at the 17th annual conference of the labor party beginning Jan. 23. Advance copies of the Agenda which have just been issued, contain important side lights on what it is believed may prove to be a meeting of worldwide, if not revolutionary, consequence with regard to the relations between capital and labor.

Among the resolutions to be submitted is one by the British socialist party which says, in effect, that labor's participation in the government has not resulted in any tangible benefits to the masses of the people. The resolution adds "neither has the association of the labor party with the government assured that the coming of peace will be made by the democracy rather than by capitalist diplomacy." The document removes Mr. Henderson from the war cabinet when acting in perfect accord with the decisions of the labor party and declares that participation in the government and fidelity to the labor movement are incompatible. It will therefore be urged by the socialists that members of the labor party now holding office be withdrawn.

The independent labor party will submit a resolution which calls upon the government "to provide for the direct representation of the organized democracy in every conference which discusses the condition of peace."

It continues: "No obstacle should be put in the way of responsible representatives of labor conferring together with a view to arriving at such an understanding as will bring about a permanent peace."

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Useful Christmas Gifts

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Quilted Vests	98c	Silk Dresses	\$10.00 and Up
Quilted Vests with sleeves	\$1.98	Children's Rain Coats	\$2.98
4 Dozen New Crepe Waists	\$5.00	Children's Gingham Dresses95c
Heatherbloom Petticoats, flowered bottoms	\$1.49	Worsted Sweaters	\$5.00
Dainty Lingerie Blouses	\$1.98	Raccoon Muffs	\$12.00
All Wool Serge Dresses	\$7.98	CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS IN OUR BASEMENT	
Wool Sweaters	\$2.98 and Up	Angora Sets98c, \$1.39 and \$1.98
Washable House Dresses	\$1.00	Sateen Petticoats98c
Raincoats, Xmas price	\$5.00	Children's Serge Dresses	\$5.00
Warm Velour Coats	\$9.90	Children's Coats	\$5.00
Wool Teddy Bear Suits	\$4.98	Silk Dresses, all sizes	\$8.50
Colored Striped Voile Waists98c	Serge Skirts, black and navy	\$1.98
Fur Muffs	\$5.00	Children's Sweaters	\$2.98
Silk and Party Dresses	\$8.75 and Up	White Waists, all sizes79c
Bath Robes	\$1.98 and \$2.98	Children's Fur Sets	\$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00
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HERE ARE SOME SPECIALS FROM OUR FIFTH FLOOR. THEY ARE ALL CHALIFOUX QUALITY—CHALIFOUX VALUE—ENOUGH SAID.

Gas Irons



The New Pattern "Dover" Iron, consumes about 70 per cent air and 30 per cent gas. Produces a perfect flame. Burns 1c worth of gas in four hours, can do eight hours' ironing at the small cost of 2c. Price to introduce, only\$1.98 Complete with metal tubing.

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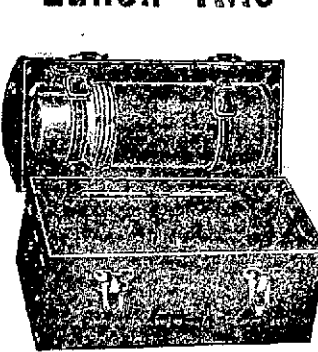
The "Jewel," full finished, positive guarantee, complete with cord and plug\$2.49

Vacuum Bottles



\$1.75 Hotakold Pint Size Vacuum Bottles, keeps liquids hot or cold night or day. Limited quantity to sell for \$1.29

Lunch Kits



\$3.00 "Hotakold" Lunch Kits, green enameled, tin lined, rust proof case with pint size Hotakold Bottle. Cover of bottle has folding handle, making a drinking cup. A limited quantity to sell at \$2.38

Dinner Sets



Handsome border decoration, choice of three different styles, best quality American china, 100 piece sets, including three different sizes of platters, two covered dishes, service for twelve people. Specially priced\$18.98 Set

Safety Razors

Safety Razors at reduced prices. The "Gem" or "Ever Ready," \$1.00 razor, for79c Each

HEARING TO DETERMINE FIGHTING TEXAN HAS PRICES OF MILK INVITATIONS HERE

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—Additional representatives of the milk producing interests of New England were heard today by the federal milk commission appointed to determine fair prices for milk delivered in Boston. It is expected that dealers of this city will be heard tomorrow and that an opportunity will be given consumers to present their side of the case later.

MATRIMONIAL
Fred W. Nord and Mrs. Margaret J. Greene were married yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at St. Peter's rectory by Rev. D. J. McFerran. The bride wore plum colored chiffon broadcloth, with beaver trimmings, and hat to match, and carried violets and roses. She was attended by Mrs. A. K. Webb, who wore taupe colored charmesse trimmed with fur, and hat to match, and carried American beauty roses. The best man was A. P. Webb. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 60 Leverett street. The couple left in the evening on a wedding trip to New York and other points of interest. The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a golden sapphire ring, while the groom's favor to the best man was a scarfpin. Mr. and Mrs. Nord, who were the recipients of numerous wedding gifts, will make their home in this city.

ARMY OFFICER ACCUSED OF PAYING WIFE SALARY WHEN SHE WAS ABSENT FROM PORT
LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 19.—The verdict in the court martial trial of Capt. James H. Burroughs, charged with paying his wife a salary out of government funds when she was absent from Fort Leavenworth, was sent to the department commander at Chicago today. Col. Burroughs testified that his wife worked as a clerk and helped with the correspondence in buying horses.

Five horse contractors testified that she was an expert and that her judgment of animals and patriotic talk saved the government money. Joseph Nugent, of Des Moines, Ia., testified that he had not intended to include fifty-two fine horses in a band sold to the government but Mrs. Burroughs made a patriotic talk that induced him to do so and that he lost \$2000 on the contract.

BEATTY IS "REGULAR FELLOW" SAYS PIGOTT

These men look alike—and that's natural, as Admiral Sir David Beatty, hero of Jutland, and (below) Dave Pigott are first cousins.

Dave is Shaw taxi starter at Kansas City.



City. He and the admiral grew up together in Ireland and Dave has many memories of the "big, handsome lad" who used to shout, "Top o' the mornin', Dave," heartily.

"He's just a regular fellow," says Dave.

JAZZ POPULARITY DANCE
Everything is in readiness for the Jazz popularity dance in Association hall this evening when the struggle for popularity supremacy among the members of 15 girls' clubs will be decided. Votes have been cast for several weeks past but tonight the final count will be made and the winners announced. Young men of the city who have not yet voted will have their final chance this evening. A Liberty bond is to be given to the lucky ticket-holder and nearly a hundred valuable Christmas gifts will be distributed among the popular girls.

Agnes J. Mellon, aged 4, of Middletown, Conn., is knitting washcloths for the Red Cross. She has no help and if she happens to drop a stitch she picks it up and goes on with her work.

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TEL-4810 FOR ALL DEPTS
FOOT OF SOUTH ST.

10 Lb. HAMS, boned and rolled, solid meat	32c
BACON STRIPS	32c
FOREQUARTERS LAMB	10c
PORK LOINS	25c
PORK SHOULDERS	
PORK BUTTS	
Oranges	15c
Lettuce	5c
Apples, doz.	20c
Sugar Syrup	19c
Ritter's Catsup	12 1/2c
Nuts, lb.	10c
CHRISTMAS TREES 25c	
FRESH FISH TODAY	
SOLID OYSTERS	50c Qt.

PETERS ELEC MAYOR OF BOSTON BY 9072

VOTE FOR MAYOR	
Andrew J. Peters	37,924
James M. Curley	28,850
James A. Gallivan	19,415
Peter A. Tague	1,594
James O'Neal	345

Peter's Plurality 9,074

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

First Three Elected	
Lane	34,835
Moriarty	34,321
Hagan	31,708
Cassidy	29,113
Wellington	26,574
Hurwitt	26,329
Leonard	21,884
Carr	15,258
Coffey	11,719

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

First Two Elected	
Lane	51,341
Corcoran	50,855
Lee	45,470
Kenny	45,160

VOTE ON LICENSE

For	54,260
Against	30,775
Majority for license	23,485

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Andrew J. Peters, former assistant secretary of the treasury, was chosen mayor of this city yesterday, by a plurality of 9072 votes in one of the most exciting and bitterly contested elections in local history.

Mayor James M. Curley, who sought re-election, ran second. Congressman James A. Gallivan was third. Congressman Peter A. Tague, fourth, and James O'Neal, fifth. With the exception of Mr. O'Neal, who is a socialist and ran on stickers, the candidates are democratic in national politics. The tickets in the city election were non-partisan.

Four years ago, Mayor Curley defeated Thomas J. Connelley for mayor by a plurality of 5740 votes.

The city went license with a slightly increased majority over last year. The vote was: Yes, 54,260; no, 30,775; a majority of 23,485. Last year, the vote was: Yes 53,417; no, 30,328; a majority of 23,089.

Daniel W. Lane and Councilman Henry B. Hagan, who, with Mr. Peters, were endorsed by the Good Government association, were elected to the



Wm. J. Madden
—JOINS THE—
Progressive Store

Since the Talbot Clothing Co. remodelled their store they have been looking for progressive young men for the most progressive store in Lowell. Mr. Madden fills the bill and his hosts of friends are congratulating him in his new position in Lowell. He is one of the best known and most popular young men in town and feels he now has a chance to make good and invites his friends to call and see him. He can show the largest stock in town to the best clothing store in New England and he is feeling very good about it.

HOLIDAY JOYS

Help to make this a Useful Gift Christmas. Give something useful and lasting to those you make glad.

Lunch Boxes	\$2.50 up
Vacuum Bottles	\$2.00 up
Pocket Knives	.25c up
Razors	\$1.00 up
Strops	.15c up
Hones	.25c up
Shaving Soap	.10c up
Brushes	.25c up
Food Choppers	\$1.50 up
Searchlights	.75c up
Steering Sleds	\$1.00 up
Express Carts	\$2.75 up

Authorized Agents for the Sale of Government Saving Stamps

Adams Hardware
AND PAINT CO.,
Middlesex St. Near Depot

METHUEN HAS FIRST CITY ELECTION

METHUEN, Dec. 19.—Samuel Rush-ton was elected mayor by a majority of 94 votes over Harrison Turner yesterday in the first election under the new city charter. Mr. Rush-ton, who has been chairman of the town board of selectmen, received 1145 votes as against 1051 votes for Mr. Turner, a business man.

The new city went no-license by a majority of 369 votes. The vote was: No, 1250; yes, 881. As a town last year the license vote was: No, 937; yes, 685.

The tickets yesterday were non-partisan, but the contests for mayor and councilors were sharp. William L. Steadman and Fred G. Hills were elected councilors-at-large.

The following councilors by wards were chosen: Ward 1, George A. Brown; ward 2, Richard Nicholson; ward 3, Edward Riley; ward 4, James E. Schofield; ward 5, Allan H. Gammons. A school committee of six members was also selected.

NORTH ADAMS BACK IN "WET" COLUMN

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 19.—After a year of no-license, this city returned to the license column yesterday, by a majority of 249.

Mayor E. D. Whitaker, with both republican and democratic nominations, was elected without opposition. The republicans elected six out of seven councilmen and captured all of the other city offices.

Owing to the spirited fight on the license question, an unusually large vote was cast. The vote on license was: Yes, 1587; no, 1338. Last year: Yes, 1596; no, 1698.

WALTHAM TO ELECT CITY MANAGER

WALTHAM, Dec. 19.—Waltham held its first election yesterday under the new "Plan D" or city manager system, electing a council of five members, who will later elect a city manager. All of the candidates endorsed by the City Manager league, which was responsible for the new plan, were elected.

Under this plan the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be known as mayor at a salary of \$2000 a year. George R. Real, treasurer of the Waltham Savings bank, was the only candidate with a vote of 2546 and takes this office. The others elected were William P. Bartel, 2346; Joseph M. Quinn, 2367; Robert L. Lyons, 2322, and George W. Wood, 2338. The first three on the list will serve for two years, the other two for one year.

Those defeated were Eben J. Williams, president mayor, Geo. W. Thorsburg, president of the board of aldermen; James E. Brackett, Thomas E. Bryson and Frank P. Martin.

Six members of the school committee were re-elected without opposition.

The city remained dry. The license vote was Yes, 1139; no, 1321. Last year's figures were: Yes, 1417; no, 2567.

Mecano and Erector Sets at The Thompson Hardware Co.

NATURALIZATION COURT

Clerk William C. Dillingham of the superior court will be at his office in the court house on North Main street on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of receiving petitions for naturalization (second papers); and on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3 and 4, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of receiving applications for first papers.

THIRTY STAMPS AS XMAS GIFTS

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 19.—The use of thirty stamps in place of gold pieces as Christmas gifts, is suggested by Howell Cheney, director for Connecticut of the national war savings committee. In an appeal to the banks of the state today, he asks that they suggest to their customers the advisability of giving thirty stamps and war savings certificates as holiday gifts.

STANDARDIZE ALL MOTOR TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Completion of designs for standardizing all the motor trucks and trailers needed by the government for peace as well as war work was announced today by the quartermaster corps.

Three classes of trucks have been provided. Class AA with 3-4-ton capacity was the last to be worked out by the 200 motor engineers who contributed many new ideas. Manufacture of the Class B truck having a rated capacity of three tons, already has started after exhaustive tests of the sample cars. Three sample trucks of the Class A variety, capacity of 11-5 tons now are being tested. One left Detroit today from the plant of the Denby Motor Truck company, and will be joined at Cleveland tomorrow by one from the White Co. They will be run to Ardmore, Pa., where a third, from the factory of the Autocar Co., will complete the party for the trial trip to Washington.

Plans for standard model trailers include one of three tons capacity requested by General Pershing for early use in France. It will have only two wheels, according to present designs. Assembly already has started of a

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Last Time Today

Lowell's Popular Star

JUNE ELVIDGE

In the World Film

Production

"THE TENTH CASE"

In Six Acts

WM. FOX OFFERS

William Farnum

In the 8-Act Wonder

Drama

"THE HEART OF A LION"

COMING—THURS., FRI., SAT.

Herbert Heyes

BEKEITH'S

This Week—Daily, 2 and 7.30

TOM BROWN'S MUSICAL

Highlanders

A Musical Muse in Kilts

EDDIE DOWLING

The International Comedian

CRANBERRIES

Vaudeville's Best Comedy Skit

ANGELL-ALWELL and FULLER

In "A REAL SOLDIER"

TRENNELL TRIO

"BITS FROM CIRCUSDOM"

William and Ada White

Song or Two and a Dance or So

MAE MARSH

In Oliver Morosco's Famous

Stage Success

"THE CINDERELLA MAN"

The Usual Hearst Pathe Weekly

Bargain Matinees, 1000 Seats

10 Cents

A DARING STORY

Of a Girl's Revolt Against Circumstances and Her Struggle for Justice Against Tremendous Odds.

The Emerson Players Present Sidney Toler's Wonderful Dramatic Success,

PLAYTHINGS

Splendid Acting—Beautiful Scenic Effects—A Two-Dollar Show at Popular Prices—Positively the Biggest Hit Ever Known in Lowell Theatrical Events.

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EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT—EVERYBODY'S GOING TO SEE IT

There's Something to It You Will Like

Next Week—"The Man Who Owns Broadway"

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION OF THE G. A. R.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Middlesex association of the G. A. R. was held yesterday in Memorial hall with a large number of the veterans in attendance representing most of the posts in the cities and towns in Middlesex county. While the men's meeting was being held in the upper hall the members of the G. A. R. were meeting in the lower hall.

The men's meeting was presided over by Commander Henry Clark of Cambridge and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Commander, William C. M. Howe, Post 124, Reading; senior vice commander, Ebene Fike, Post 30, Cambridge; junior vice commander, George Lounell, Post 56, Cambridge; chaplain, Robert Morrison, Post 40, Cambridge; surgeon, Henry Clark, Post 38, Arlington; quartermaster, C. F. Morrill, Post 156, Everett; officer of the day, S. B. Dearborn, Post 12, Wakefield; officer of the guard, J. W. Emory, Post 56, Cambridge; adjutant, A. H. Knowles, Post 36, Arlington; quartermaster sergeant, Joseph Wiggins, Post 4, Melrose; sergeant major, George A. Whidden, Post 4, Melrose.

The department officers present were Department Commander D. B. Denny of Worcester, Past Department Commander Granville C. Wilder of Post 15, Boston.

At noon luncheon was served by the B. F. Butler Relief corps of this city, and in the afternoon a joint entertainment was given for the men's and women's organizations. The next meeting of the Middlesex association will be held with the James A. Garfield corps of this city next March.

During the monthly session of the Middlesex County Relief corps the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. Etta Cook of Melrose; secretary, Mrs. Carrie Young of Medford; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Gott of Cambridge; guard, Mrs. Sarah Buchanan of Watertown.

The following department officers were also present: Mrs. Nellie Libby, past department president; Mrs. Dorcas Lyman, departmental chairman

DANCE

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ASSOCIATE HALL TOMORROW NIGHT

TICKETS 25 CENTS

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TODAY AND THURSDAY

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In "MONEY MAGIC"

A Vitaphone feature in which a man's wealth—not his love—decided her. But she was more a daughter than a wife.

"FEET OF CLAY," a story in which a man's criminal past looms up.

All star cast.

Big Surrounding Program of Other Features

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TODAY AND THURSDAY

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

Routs single-handed a gang of hard-fisted East Side toughs in his comedy drama of psychology and muscle,

"The Habit of Happiness"

With Scene After Scene of Ludicrous Situations

PEARL WHITE in "THE FATAL RING"

E. K. LINCOLN in "The Grey Seal" series

COMEDY AND OTHER PLAYS

ROYAL

A THEATRE DEVOTED TO THE SCREEN

The Special Feature for This Extra Length Performance Stars

Alice Joyce

SPECIAL FILMS:

"AN OLD-FASHIONED DAD," in four acts.

13th Episode of

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"For BETTER Pictures"

JEWEL

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY DEC. 19th-20th

We are preparing to protect our MOTHERS, WIVES and SWEETHEARTS from the ravages of war—and

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Teaches the lesson that should be borne in mind. Europe has been drenched in the blood of woman-kind. It shall not happen in America.

ALL-STAR CAST supporting FRED MARKET and FRANK KEENAN

USUAL PRICE

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43-49 Market Street

CHRISTMAS TREES, HOLLY AND MISTLETOE

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MERRIMACK SQ. THEATRE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 21, 22

Sessue Hayakawa

IN

"THE SECRET GAME"

A Great Mystery Story

The kind that'll give you that "creepy" feeling and make you grip your seat good and tight. You're bound to like it. You liked Sessue Hayakawa in "The Cheat," "The Jaguar's Claws," "The Bot-De Imp," and "Hashimura Togo," didn't you? Well, take our word for it, this is the best yet. Don't Miss It!

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MRS. VERNON CASTLE in

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HELPING SAMMY SWAT THE KAISER

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

It cost Max Cohen \$15 in police court this morning because he refused to stop his automobile and later to produce his license when Traffic Officer Frank L. Moloney ordered him to do so in Merrimack square on Dec. 7. Cohen was charged with a violation of the city ordinance by failing to stop upon demand of a police officer and upon being found guilty was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and after being found guilty of a violation of the motor vehicle law by failing to produce a license, an additional fine of \$10 was imposed.

According to the testimony offered by Officer Moloney, which was corroborated by two employees of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Cohen came through Prescott street in his machine on the date in question. The officer signalled Cohen to stop, owing to the fact that he had given another vehicle the right of way. Cohen, instead of stopping, kept on going towards Bridge street, and the officer said that he would have been struck by Cohen's machine if he had not jumped out of the way. Officer Moloney ordered Cohen to "back up" but the latter refused to do so. Finally Cohen backed into Prescott street, but stopped his machine on the wrong side of the street. The officer then asked Cohen to produce his license and the latter said that it was too cold to pull it out of his pocket. Cohen was stubborn and upon failure to show the license Officer Moloney requested him to drive over to the police station. Officer Swanwick was called and Cohen was taken to the police station.

MRS. ASTOR OPENS HER HOME TO U.S. OFFICERS

A new photograph of Mrs. Ava Willing Astor who has converted her Lon-



MRS. AVA WILLING ASTOR

don home into an officers' canteen. Mrs. Astor will act as hostess to American officers on leave from the front.



A WARNING FOR MADAM GRUNDY

This young man has lived to the age of 105 by "keeping his nose out of other folks' business." It's John O. Dowd's own recipe for longevity. Take note, you Grundy persons. Dowd lives in Oregon, where he came 75 years ago from Columbus, O. During that time he has worked as only a happy, two-listed Irishman can (having been born in the County Kerry.) "And now," he says, "I feel like I sort of deserve a rest for the next 25 years. I'm going to put 'em in seeing the sights."

ahead and did so, and when the officer requested him to back his machine he also complied. The court, however, believed the testimony of the arresting officer and two witnesses, and found Cohen guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of \$15.

Other Offenders

John Kahremants was found guilty of failing to provide for the support of his wife. He was given a suspended sentence of five months in the house of correction on condition that he pay \$5 a week to his wife.

Josephine Gegas entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging her with being drunk. Her case was continued until Saturday.

William Brady, also charged with being drunk, was sentenced to one month in jail.

CHORUS OF 600 WILL SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON BOSTON COMMON TONIGHT

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A chorus of 600 will sing Christmas carols on the common tonight prior to a meeting in Tremont Temple for the benefit of the Armenian-Syrian relief fund. The choristers will march to the temple headed by a group of men in the costume of Syrian shepherds.

CHRISTMAS VACATION IN SOMERVILLE SCHOOLS EXTENDED TO SAVE COAL

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 19.—The Christmas vacation in the public schools of this city will be extended two weeks, in order to conserve coal. The schools will close next Friday until January 14.

FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE

The board of trade recently filed with the municipal council an ordinance in relation to the erection of new buildings in the city, by which certain restrictions are made in an endeavor to prevent serious fire. The ordinance of which a part follows, was read at the meeting of the council yesterday and referred to the commissioner of public buildings and the commissioner of fire and water.

No dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house hereafter erected shall occupy either alone or with other buildings more than 80 per cent. of a corner lot nor more than 75 per cent. of any other lot.

No dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house hereafter erected shall exceed in height the width of the widest street upon which it faces, unless such house be set back from the street a distance at least equal to the excess of such height over the width of such street, but in no event shall a frame building hereafter erected be used for a dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house exceed 45 feet in height nor

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No portion of any frame dwelling house, apartment house or lodging house hereafter erected shall be placed at less distance than eight feet from the side line of the lot upon which it is to be located.

The proposed ordinance in some other sections aims against the use of soft bricks in any chimney, and says that no bricks shall be laid on its two-inch face. It also says that no smoke due from a furnace or boiler shall come within one foot of any combustible material, and that every chimney shall be fire-stopped at every floor level with fire inches of concrete to the face of the partitions. It further says that no chimney enclosed in partitions shall be enclosed until after inspection.

POSSIBLE ECONOMIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Possible economies in the distribution of motor vehicles were discussed today by Chairman Shaw, of the Commercial Economy board of the Council of National Defense, with representatives of retail dealers' associations. It was emphasized that the conference was not concerned with possible curtailment of automobile production, but with elimination of non-essentials within the industry.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRES MUST OBSERVE LIGHTLESS NIGHT ORDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Requests by vaudeville theatres for exemption from the recent lightless night order, on the ground that their patriotic services deserve recognition, was denied today by the fuel administration. The theatres had cited the fact that they had permitted use of their stages by solicitors for Liberty bond, Red Cross and other patriotic funds.

MAIL PROBLEM

Continued

office is determined to handle the inevitable Christmas rush as efficiently and promptly as possible, even though it entail some innovations in the delivery system. There will be one delivery of mail on Christmas day. Asked as to the number of reserve men who will be taken on, Postmaster Meahan said that a few have already been "drafted" from the eligible list and others will be taken on gradually as the volume of mail increases. However, the regular force is to be worked overtime because one experienced clerk will be able to accomplish the work of three or more "green" men. The greatest difficulty anticipated will be in the case of the delivery of parcel post packages. It will be next to impossible to get enough wagons and trucks to cope with the expected inflow, but every means of meeting the situation has been utilized and it is expected that there will be no serious delays in the delivery of large numbers of men from the reserve list will be used in this branch of the service.

On account of the great railroad congestion existing at the present time, it is absolutely necessary that parcels for distant places be mailed at once if they are to reach their destination for Christmas. The postmaster asked the parcels be "addressed correctly, packed properly and tied securely."

Local exemption boards will not be allowed to call for military service boys young men who are present in the postal service until after Jan. 1, according to a recent notice sent out by the provost marshal general. The notice was reprinted in the following: "The president has authorized that induction into military service of employees of postal service be deferred until after Jan. 1, 1918. Local boards should be instructed accordingly."

Thrift Stamp Loan

Lowell people are responding to the thrift stamp loan of the government in great shape, according to the post-

office officials. Although no definite figures as to just what has been done locally are available, nevertheless, the officials are confident that Lowell is making a very creditable showing. The agents of the local mills in practically every case have taken out thrift stamps for each of their employees to be presented to the latter as a Christmas gift. Postmaster Meahan says that about 50,000 people here in this city will be given one of the Little Liberty booklets as a result of the action on the part of the mill officials. The department stores are falling into line in this manner also. The postmaster-general has sent out letters to the heads of the various industrial plants in the city, to the department stores and eventually to the pastors of every church in Lowell asking that they encourage the people who come under their jurisdiction to invest in thrift stamps.

Thrift stamps.

Threatened to Kill Her

Miss Godbey frankly told of her relations with Johnson, saying the first met him five years ago at the home of her washerwoman, where he gave her a drink of whiskey. The girl, who said she was not married, she was alone with Johnson and he threatened to kill her if she mentioned it to any person in Charleston. Her relation with the negro continued, she said, until Dec. 1916.

Attacked Her With Knife

The witness testified that Johnson repeatedly attacked her, once with a knife, which was broken after the blade was driven into her arm and leg. In November, 1916, she testified, she threatened Johnson with arrest and he promised to leave town if she would not complain to the police. She agreed, and the next night he heard from him by letter. Upon his receipt, the young woman said, who went to Charlottesville, Ky., where Johnson met her and took her to a house where she stayed the night and the next day.

Ticket Bought by Johnson

Miss Godbey said she returned to Charleston, using a railroad ticket bought for her by Johnson, who sat behind her on the train. Answering a question by Mr. Goldberg she declared that she was still terrified by the negro and that she gave him \$15 part of which she borrowed and with it he bought a suit of clothes.

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Immediately after the hearing began, Louis Goldberg, assistant United States attorney, presented an amended and more specific complaint for the government, which was accepted without protest.

He then outlined in detail the government's case, declaring that for five years Edith Godbey was in Johnson's power, and lived constantly in fear of his hands unless she did as he said.

Miss Godbey sat with government counsel and seemed to attract much attention from the large crowd of negroes in the courtroom. On advice of counsel Johnson de-

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FIRE DRIVES SOLDIERS DRIVER OF LIBERTY MOTOR TRUCK KILLED INTO STREETS

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19.—Fire early this morning in the Knights of Columbus hall, State and Sixth streets, drove 100 soldiers into the street last night. The blaze was discovered in the front part of the building, but did not spread. The army men who are using the building as barracks were able to return for the night. Defective wiring is believed to have caused the fire.

SUGAR DEALERS IN THE WEST SAY ROLPH COMPANY PREVENTED FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Many sugar dealers in the west and middle west today telegraphed Food Administrator Hoover and George M. Rolph of the food administration, saying there would have been a sugar famine in their territory during October had not the California-Hawaiian Refining company provided them with cane sugar.

It has been charged at the senate sugar investigation that Rolph, president of the California-Hawaiian company, using his official power as director of the sugar division of the food administration, refused to allow 110,000 tons of raw sugar to come east when the shortage was first felt on the Atlantic coast.

BRITISH SHIP ARRIVES AT U. S. PORT WITH 2000 INVALIDED CANADIANS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 19.—Discharged from Halifax because of conditions due to the recent disaster, a British ship bearing more than 2,000 Canadian soldiers, invalided home because of wounds or illness, arrived here today. The men will be sent to Canada by rail.

DO NOT PUT LIGHTED CANDLES BEHIND RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG

The Red Cross has withdrawn the Christmas candle suggestion that lighted candles be placed behind the Red Cross "Service Flags" in windows on Christmas eve, because the national board of fire underwriters says that it would involve a big fire risk. The Red Cross now points out that your flag will be sufficiently displayed if you merely raise the shade or draw the curtains and have the room illuminated.

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PRETTY SOFT

Olaf, battle-scarred Maltese tommy, is heaping coals of fire on his feline enemies. They used to make life a nightmare for him until one day they chased him into the dental office of Dr. R. C. Hocking of San Francisco. Doc took a shine to the guttar cat, patched a torn ear, capped his broken teeth with gold, set a diamond or two in 'em and proceeded to make Olaf a gentleman. Now Olaf presides at Red Star cat shows, helping raise funds to take care of the very rowdies who used to run him ragged in the alleys of his youth.



NEW BALM FOR THE SAVAGE BREAST

Charitable impulses cannot withstand the nerve strain of weary discord. This curious fact has been discovered by the blind street troubadours of San Francisco, who rely upon public benevolence and they have been quick to take advantage of it. They have substituted the phonograph for the old grind organ, finding that donations have more than doubled. The records range from "Jazz" frenzies to the purest classics, and the musicians have developed an instinctive faculty for playing the right selection at the right time. Note the signs on this blind man's music box.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE FIX THE PRICE OF COAL IN TYNGSBORO

Three little girls in the Colburn grammar school have received letters of appreciation from three soldiers who are now doing their bit for Uncle Sam. The young ladies recently knit some wristlets, socks, etc., for the local branch of the Red Cross to be sent eventually to some one of Uncle Sam's fighters. Each young lady attached her name to the particular garment which she made and as a result letters of appreciation have been received from the men in uniform who received the gifts.

Miss Maritza Chitjian of the 6th grade has received the following letter from Private Harry G. Anger of Co. C, 25th Engineers, Camp Devens:

Dear Little Friend—This week I received a muffer from Uncle Sam and on the inside, in the upper right hand corner, I noticed the name of a little girl who is living in Lowell, Mass. I enlisted in the 25th Engineers, the 5th last month and was sent direct to Camp Devens to the 25th Engineers Co. C. We are fully equipped and especially since I received my muffer and muffer when our company engineers are building and doing construction work in No-Man's land. I will think of the name of a little girl who is living somewhere in Lowell. If we can get a pass for Christmas I will spend the day at my home, but if we get only a 24-hour pass, I will go to Boston. If I have a chance I will stop in Lowell long enough to thank you. However, I cannot say how long I will be in Boston, but I am reasonably sure that I will have time enough to stop in Lowell. I don't think much of your eastern climate and I do miss dear old Seattle and Los Angeles a great deal. In Seattle I was working for an electrical engineering company and I traveled all over the coast.

The other young ladies who received a word of appreciation from a soldier are Miss Lillian Salmonsom of the 6th grade and Miss Flora Chitjian of the 6th grade. Miss Salmonsom received a card from Private Charles H. Ayer, also with the 25th Engineers, and Miss Chitjian's card came from Private D. W. Sullivan of the 3rd company of the coast artillery stationed at Fort Stanish, Boston Harbor.

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Property of these American heiresses—Countess Sigray (above) and Countess Mansfield (below)—may be seized by the United States unless they

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WINTER WHEAT CONDITION LOWEST ON RECORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Winter wheat this year, planted on the largest acreage ever sown in the history of the country showed on Dec. 1, the lowest condition on record. A forecast of a crop of only 540,000,000 bushels was made today by the department of agriculture. The final production, however, will be above or below that quantity, according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than the average.

In a statement interpreting today's report the department said: "The acreage planted to winter wheat is estimated to be 42,170,000 acres, an increase of 4 per cent over the area planted a year ago. In the campaign to produce a billion bushels of wheat next year to help feed our allies, an acreage of 47,337,000 of winter wheat was advocated. Failure to reach that amount was not due to the weather, but to the intention of farmers, but to the adverse conditions, unfavorable weather, late harvest of other crops and shortage of farm help, preventing the putting out of the full acreage desired."

In the last 10 years the yield per acre on the planted acreage was 14.4 bushels; on this basis a condition of 73.3 would forecast a yield of about 12.8 bushels, which would amount to 540,000,000 bushels. It may be assumed that the out-turn of the crop will be above or below this figure according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions. In 1917 the crop was about 418,000,000 bushels; in 1916 it was 421,000,000 and the average of the preceding five years was 543,000,000 bushels.

Increased sowings of winter wheat and rye throughout the country were urged upon farmers by the department of agriculture in order to supplement the meagre crop of winter wheat of the 1917 season.

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GARIBOLDI'S GRANDSON ASKS FOR U. S. TROOPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—"We need a regiment of Americans," That is the message of Gen. Giuseppe Garibaldi, grandson of the famous Red Shirt Garibaldi, in command of the brave Alpine brigade which fought bravely to save the Austro-German drive against Italy.

He says all the Italian army now lacks is a bunch of husky American fighters. They would prove a tremendous inspiration.

Garibaldi, soldier of fortune, became well known in the United States when he entered the services of Francisco I. Madero in Mexico and became his chief of staff and military adviser.

After the overthrow of Diaz he hurried to Greece and fought the Turks in the Balkan war.

When Italy threw her destinies into the allied ranks Garibaldi, his brothers and his father offered their services to Italy. Another brother had died in the French trenches before Italy declared war.

When the United States entered the conflict the elder Garibaldi offered the services of himself and his five sons to Uncle Sam.

Garibaldi, who has seen U. S. soldiers along the Mexican border and who commanded a band of American filibusters in Mexico, knows their worth.

These Americans were always in the front lines with Garibaldi in Mexico. They helped capture Juarez and they bore the brunt of the fighting at Casas Grandes. In both cases they went up against field artillery and machine guns with only their rifles.

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REMOVAL SALE—Blacks and bargains in Ladies' dresses, men's, women's and children's hats and shoes. See John Press formerly 330A Middlesex st., now at new store 300 Middlesex st.

<p>grocery and meat market. Apply Ideal Public Market, 375 Moody st.</p> <p>BARBER wanted at once: steady job: \$15 a week. Apply 366 Moody st.</p> <p>CHIAMBER MAID wanted. Apply 179 Middlesex st.</p>	<p>CHINESE RESTAURANT</p> <p>CHIN LEE CO.—Chop suey, Ameri- can food. Nicest place in the city. Open from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. Morrismack st.</p> <p>CONTRACTORS—BUILDERS</p>
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to let, \$10.00. Apply 1000 Broadway.

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for 555 4 month or \$650 yearly; price
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to each tenement; bath and gas. Price
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to let, completely furnished for light housekeeping, \$2.75 per week. Apply 65 Coburn st. after 6 p. m.

STEAM HEATED ROOMS, furnished, to let. 135 Cross st.

LARGE ROOM with kitchenette to steam heat, electric lights, hard wood floors, bath, all modern improvements. 500 ft. of land, forced to sell, please call 12409, or balance at 12410.

This beautiful cottage is located in East Chelmsford, near French cemetery, 8 minutes from Gorham st. car

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People of Power that her name is not
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Signed, Miss Grace Jackson.

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